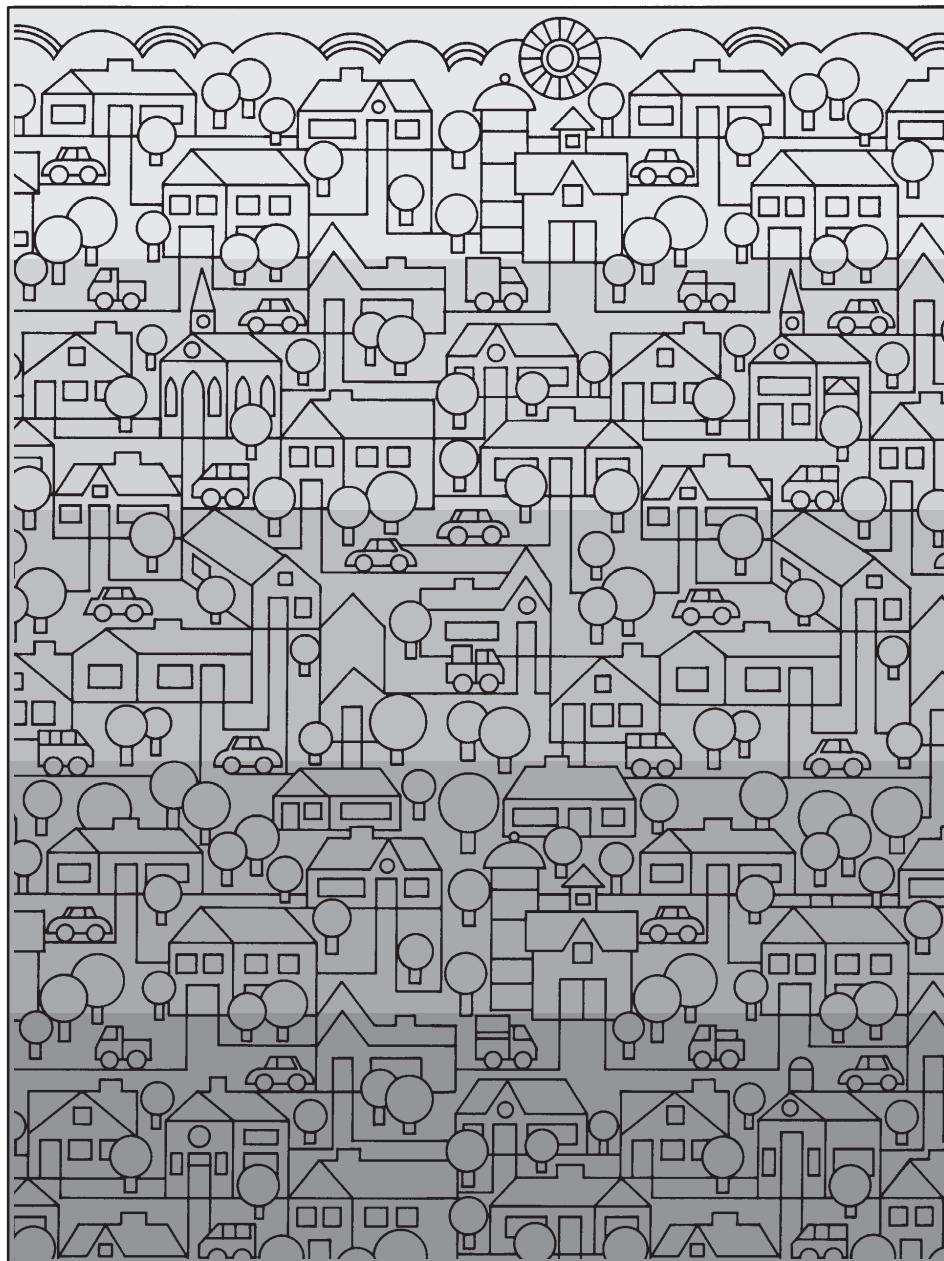


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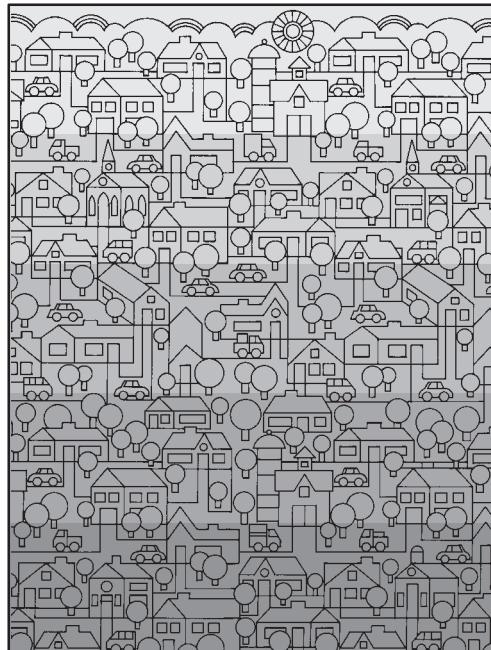


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Preface

This report on the characteristics of new housing in 1997 is derived from the Bureau of the Census' Survey of Construction, Survey of New Mobile Home Placements, and Survey of Market Absorption, which are sponsored, all or in part, by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The report includes sections on the characteristics of single and multifamily housing completed, one-family houses sold, contractor-built houses started, new mobile home placements, and a supplement on the types and characteristics of apartment units completed in buildings having five units or more.

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Introduction

This 1997 annual report on the characteristics of new housing is published jointly by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Data are obtained from the Bureau's Survey of Construction, Survey of New Mobile Home Placements, and the Survey of Market Absorption. HUD sponsors all or part of these surveys.

This report provides annual estimates on selected physical and financial characteristics of new housing. The first 18 tables provide data on new housing units completed, with Tables 1 through 16 showing data by purpose of construction. Data are shown for the United States, inside or outside of metropolitan areas, and within each census region. Table 1 presents summary data for all housing units completed. Tables 2 through 16 provide specific physical or financial characteristic data for one-family houses completed. Tables 17 and 18 provide data on specific physical characteristics of multifamily buildings (more than one unit in the building) and their units.

See the Contents pages for the characteristics for which data are provided for one-family houses completed. Most, but not all, of these characteristics are shown for either the buildings or units in multifamily buildings.

Tables 19 through 25b provide financial and physical characteristics data on new one-family houses sold. This includes one-family houses sold under condominium arrangements.

Tables 26 and 27 provide financial characteristics data for contractor-built houses started. This category covers custom-built, one-family houses; that is, houses built by a general contractor on the owner's land for the owner's use.

Tables 28 through 30 provide data on mobile homes placed for residential use. Data are provided for median

and average sales prices as well as certain physical characteristics. In addition to total placements, the tables display separate data for single-wide and double-wide placements.

Finally, there is a supplement on the characteristics of apartment units completed in buildings with five units or more. The Census Bureau's Housing and Household Economics Statistics Division (HHES) produces these data from the Survey of Market Absorption (SOMA). This supplement shows data on the types of units completed, characteristics data about unfurnished rental apartments, and characteristics data about units sold through condominium arrangements.

Because the estimates in this report are produced from sample surveys, they are subject to sampling variability as well as to errors of response and nonreporting. They may differ from estimates of similar data published by other sources because of differences in definitions, methodologies, scope of the surveys, survey design and controls, and sampling variability.

Other principal sources of data are:

- a. The Federal Housing Administration (FHA) and Rural Housing Service (formerly Farmers Home Administration). Their publications provide more detailed information on the activities of their agencies and the characteristics of houses built under their respective programs.
- b. The Federal Housing Finance Board (FHFB) series on interest rates and other characteristics of conventional first mortgage loans. Its series on conventional first mortgage loans includes information on prices of new houses financed with conventional mortgages.

Table 1. Purpose of Construction of New Privately Owned Housing Units Completed by Location: 1993 to 1997

[In thousands of units. Components may not add to totals because of rounding]

Location and year		In structures with—															
		1 unit				2 units or more											
		All units	Total	For sale	For owner occupancy on owner's land	Contractor- built	Owner- built	For rent	Total								
UNITED STATES																	
1993	1 193	1 039	642	216	159	23	153	44	109								
1994	1 347	1 160	740	238	160	23	187	49	138								
1995	1 313	1 066	682	204	146	33	247	51	196								
1996	1 413	1 129	746	214	136	33	284	50	234								
1997	1 400	1 116	757	192	138	29	284	54	230								
INSIDE MSA'S																	
1993	943	818	580	139	84	14	125	(NA)	(NA)								
1994	1 086	929	672	155	86	15	157	(NA)	(NA)								
1995	1 065	848	617	129	81	22	217	(NA)	(NA)								
1996	1 163	913	678	139	75	21	250	(NA)	(NA)								
1997	1 153	904	692	118	75	19	249	(NA)	(NA)								
OUTSIDE MSA'S																	
1993	250	222	61	77	74	9	28	(NA)	(NA)								
1994	261	232	68	83	74	7	29	(NA)	(NA)								
1995	248	217	65	76	65	11	31	(NA)	(NA)								
1996	249	215	68	76	61	12	34	(NA)	(NA)								
1997	248	212	66	74	63	10	35	(NA)	(NA)								
NORTHEAST																	
1993	118	105	58	27	18	2	12	6	7								
1994	123	113	66	29	16	2	11	6	5								
1995	127	108	64	27	15	2	19	8	11								
1996	125	108	68	23	15	2	17	9	8								
1997	134	115	72	22	17	4	19	8	11								
MIDWEST																	
1993	273	232	118	61	47	6	42	8	34								
1994	307	255	136	67	47	5	52	12	40								
1995	288	232	127	57	42	6	56	13	43								
1996	304	245	135	58	42	9	60	11	49								
1997	296	236	137	50	42	7	59	11	49								
SOUTH																	
1993	512	456	287	95	63	11	56	16	41								
1994	581	507	326	106	66	9	74	14	60								
1995	581	472	306	92	59	16	109	13	96								
1996	637	507	335	105	51	16	130	15	114								
1997	634	506	344	91	55	16	129	19	109								
WEST																	
1993	290	247	178	33	31	4	43	15	28								
1994	336	285	212	36	31	7	50	17	33								
1995	317	253	185	29	30	9	63	17	47								
1996	346	269	207	28	28	6	77	15	63								
1997	336	259	204	28	25	2	77	16	61								

NA Not available.

4 PRIVATELY OWNED ONE-FAMILY HOUSES COMPLETED

CHARACTERISTICS OF NEW HOUSING

Table 2. Central Air-Conditioning by Category of House and Location: 1993 to 1997

[Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Percents computed from unrounded figures]

Category of house, location, and central air-conditioning	Number of houses (thousands)					Percent distribution				
	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993
NEW HOUSES¹										
United States	1 116	1 129	1 066	1 160	1 039	100	100	100	100	100
Installed	917	916	846	912	806	82	81	80	79	78
Not installed	199	213	219	248	234	18	19	20	21	22
Inside MSAs	904	913	848	929	818	100	100	100	100	100
Installed	764	767	699	761	675	85	84	83	82	83
Not installed	139	145	148	167	143	15	16	17	18	17
Outside MSAs	212	215	217	232	222	100	100	100	100	100
Installed	153	149	147	151	132	72	69	68	65	60
Not installed	60	67	71	81	90	28	31	32	35	40
Northeast	115	108	108	113	105	100	100	100	100	100
Installed	77	70	67	69	58	67	64	62	61	55
Not installed	39	38	41	44	47	33	36	38	39	45
Midwest	236	245	232	255	232	100	100	100	100	100
Installed	197	204	185	205	181	84	83	80	80	78
Not installed	39	41	47	50	51	16	17	20	20	22
South	506	507	472	507	456	100	100	100	100	100
Installed	500	498	463	497	441	99	98	98	98	97
Not installed	6	9	9	11	14	1	2	2	2	3
West	259	269	253	285	247	100	100	100	100	100
Installed	144	145	132	142	124	55	54	52	50	50
Not installed	115	124	121	143	123	45	46	48	50	50
HOUSES BUILT FOR SALE										
United States	757	746	682	740	642	100	100	100	100	100
Installed	637	623	566	605	525	84	84	83	82	82
Not installed	120	123	116	135	117	16	16	17	18	18
Inside MSAs	692	678	617	672	580	100	100	100	100	100
Installed	587	575	520	559	485	85	85	84	83	84
Not installed	105	104	97	113	95	15	15	16	17	16
Outside MSAs	65	68	65	68	61	100	100	100	100	100
Installed	50	49	46	46	40	77	72	71	68	65
Not installed	15	19	19	22	22	23	28	29	32	35
Northeast	72	68	64	66	58	100	100	100	100	100
Installed	56	51	47	48	38	77	74	73	73	66
Not installed	17	17	17	18	20	23	26	27	27	34
Midwest	137	135	127	136	118	100	100	100	100	100
Installed	121	117	107	116	100	88	87	84	85	85
Not installed	16	18	20	21	18	12	13	16	15	15
South	344	335	306	326	287	100	100	100	100	100
Installed	343	334	305	324	285	100	100	100	99	99
Not installed	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
West	204	207	185	212	178	100	100	100	100	100
Installed	118	120	107	117	102	58	58	58	55	57
Not installed	86	87	79	94	77	42	42	45	45	43
CONTRACTOR-BUILT HOUSES										
United States	192	214	204	238	216	100	100	100	100	100
Installed	159	176	157	183	163	83	83	77	77	76
Not installed	33	38	47	55	53	17	17	23	23	24
Inside MSAs	118	139	129	155	139	100	100	100	100	100
Installed	103	118	103	125	114	87	85	81	81	83
Not installed	15	21	25	30	24	13	15	19	19	17
Outside MSAs	74	76	76	83	77	100	100	100	100	100
Installed	56	58	54	58	49	76	77	71	70	64
Not installed	18	17	22	25	28	24	23	29	30	36
Northeast	22	23	27	29	27	100	100	100	100	100
Installed	12	12	14	15	14	56	54	51	52	50
Not installed	10	11	14	14	14	44	46	49	48	50
Midwest	50	58	57	67	61	100	100	100	100	100
Installed	41	48	43	53	48	81	83	75	79	78
Not installed	9	10	14	14	14	19	17	25	21	22
South	91	105	92	106	95	100	100	100	100	100
Installed	90	102	88	102	89	98	98	96	96	95
Not installed	(B)	3	4	4	5	(B)	2	4	4	5
West	28	28	29	36	33	100	100	100	100	100
Installed	15	13	12	13	12	55	48	43	36	37
Not installed	13	15	16	23	21	45	52	57	64	63

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 2. Central Air-Conditioning by Category of House and Location: 1993 to 1997—Con.

[Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Percents computed from unrounded figures]

Category of house, location, and central air-conditioning	Number of houses (thousands)					Percent distribution				
	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993
OWNER-BUILT HOUSES										
United States	137	136	146	160	159	100	100	100	100	100
Installed	95	91	100	109	101	69	67	69	69	64
Not installed	43	45	46	51	58	31	33	31	31	36
Inside MSAs	75	75	81	86	84	100	100	100	100	100
Installed	58	58	60	66	63	77	78	75	78	76
Not installed	17	16	20	19	20	23	22	25	22	24
Outside MSAs	62	61	65	74	74	100	100	100	100	100
Installed	37	33	40	43	37	59	54	61	58	50
Not installed	26	29	26	32	38	41	46	39	42	50
Northeast	17	15	15	16	18	100	100	100	100	100
Installed	6	6	6	6	5	36	38	37	38	31
Not installed	11	9	10	10	12	64	62	63	62	69
Midwest	41	42	42	47	47	100	100	100	100	100
Installed	28	30	29	31	30	67	71	70	67	63
Not installed	13	12	13	15	18	33	29	30	33	37
South	55	51	59	66	63	100	100	100	100	100
Installed	51	46	55	62	56	94	90	94	93	89
Not installed	4	5	4	4	7	6	10	6	7	11
West	25	28	30	31	31	100	100	100	100	100
Installed	10	9	10	10	9	40	33	34	32	30
Not installed	15	19	20	21	22	60	67	66	68	70

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¹Includes houses built for rent (not shown separately).

Figure 1.
New Houses With Air-Conditioning

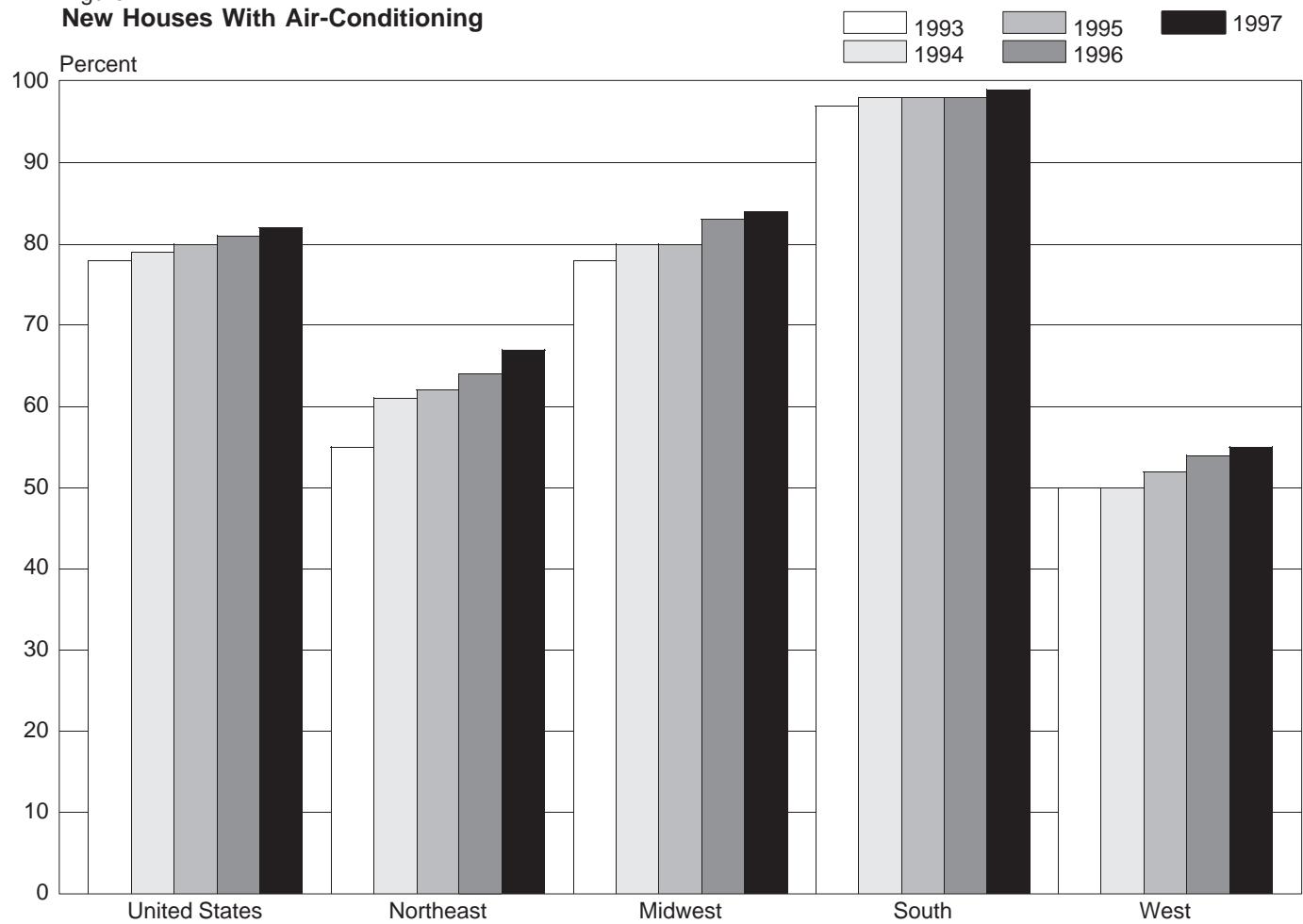


Table 3. Number of Bathrooms by Category of House and Location: 1993 to 1997—Con.

[Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Percents computed from unrounded figures]

Category of house, location, and number of bathrooms	Number of houses (thousands)					Percent distribution				
	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993
CONTRACTOR-BUILT HOUSES—										
Con.										
Northeast	22	23	27	29	27	100	100	100	100	100
1 1/2 bathrooms or less	4	4	4	4	5	16	17	16	15	18
2 bathrooms	5	5	6	5	6	22	21	23	18	21
2 1/2 bathrooms	10	10	12	15	13	47	43	43	51	48
3 bathrooms or more	3	4	5	5	3	15	19	17	16	13
Midwest	50	58	57	67	61	100	100	100	100	100
1 1/2 bathrooms or less	6	7	9	8	9	12	12	16	12	14
2 bathrooms	18	20	17	23	20	35	34	29	35	33
2 1/2 bathrooms	18	22	20	22	21	36	38	36	33	34
3 bathrooms or more	9	10	11	14	11	18	16	19	20	19
South	91	105	92	106	95	100	100	100	100	100
1 1/2 bathrooms or less	6	7	9	9	8	6	6	10	9	8
2 bathrooms	40	51	42	50	45	43	49	46	48	48
2 1/2 bathrooms	26	23	20	24	21	28	22	22	22	22
3 bathrooms or more	20	25	21	22	20	22	24	23	21	22
West	28	28	29	36	33	100	100	100	100	100
1 1/2 bathrooms or less	(B)	(B)	(B)	3	3	(B)	(B)	(B)	10	10
2 bathrooms	11	10	10	12	11	39	37	36	34	33
2 1/2 bathrooms	6	7	7	11	11	23	25	26	30	31
3 bathrooms or more	9	9	9	10	9	31	33	31	26	26
OWNER-BUILT HOUSES										
United States	137	136	146	160	159	100	100	100	100	100
1 1/2 bathrooms or less	21	22	26	29	32	15	16	18	18	20
2 bathrooms	55	53	52	59	59	40	39	36	37	37
2 1/2 bathrooms	34	36	39	43	40	25	26	27	27	25
3 bathrooms or more	27	26	29	30	28	20	19	20	19	17
Inside MSAs	75	75	81	86	84	100	100	100	100	100
1 1/2 bathrooms or less	8	8	11	11	13	11	11	14	13	15
2 bathrooms	26	25	25	29	28	34	34	31	34	33
2 1/2 bathrooms	22	25	26	28	26	30	32	32	32	31
3 bathrooms or more	18	18	19	19	17	25	23	23	22	20
Outside MSAs	62	61	65	74	74	100	100	100	100	100
1 1/2 bathrooms or less	13	14	15	18	19	20	23	23	24	26
2 bathrooms	29	28	27	30	31	47	45	41	40	41
2 1/2 bathrooms	12	11	13	15	14	19	19	20	21	18
3 bathrooms or more	9	8	10	11	11	14	14	16	15	14
Northeast	17	15	15	16	18	100	100	100	100	100
1 1/2 bathrooms or less	4	3	4	3	4	23	23	28	20	24
2 bathrooms	4	4	3	3	4	25	27	20	20	25
2 1/2 bathrooms	6	5	6	6	6	36	34	37	39	35
3 bathrooms or more	3	(B)	(B)	3	3	16	(B)	(B)	22	16
Midwest	41	42	42	47	47	100	100	100	100	100
1 1/2 bathrooms or less	7	9	10	11	11	18	21	23	24	24
2 bathrooms	15	14	13	15	17	36	33	32	32	36
2 1/2 bathrooms	12	13	13	13	11	28	30	30	29	24
3 bathrooms or more	7	7	7	7	7	18	16	16	15	16
South	55	51	59	66	63	100	100	100	100	100
1 1/2 bathrooms or less	7	7	9	9	11	12	13	15	14	18
2 bathrooms	27	24	25	29	27	49	47	42	43	43
2 1/2 bathrooms	11	10	12	16	14	20	20	21	25	23
3 bathrooms or more	10	10	13	12	10	19	20	22	19	16
West	25	28	30	31	31	100	100	100	100	100
1 1/2 bathrooms or less	3	3	4	5	5	11	11	12	16	16
2 bathrooms	9	10	11	12	11	38	38	35	39	34
2 1/2 bathrooms	6	8	8	7	8	23	28	28	22	26
3 bathrooms or more	7	6	7	7	7	28	23	25	23	24

B Withheld because estimate did not meet publication standards on the basis of sample size.

1Includes houses built for rent (not shown separately).

Note: The few houses having less than 1 bathroom are included with those having 1 bathroom.

Table 4. Number of Bedrooms by Category of House and Location: 1993 to 1997—Con.

[Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Percents computed from unrounded figures]

Category of house, location, and number of bedrooms	Number of houses (thousands)					Percent distribution				
	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993
CONTRACTOR-BUILT HOUSES—										
Con.										
South	91	105	92	106	95	100	100	100	100	100
2 bedrooms or less	9	11	10	10	9	10	11	11	10	9
3 bedrooms	57	69	60	71	64	62	66	66	67	68
4 bedrooms or more	26	25	21	24	22	28	24	23	23	23
West	28	28	29	36	33	100	100	100	100	100
2 bedrooms or less	5	6	5	7	6	18	21	18	18	17
3 bedrooms	15	12	15	19	19	53	45	52	53	57
4 bedrooms or more	8	10	9	10	9	29	35	31	29	26
OWNER-BUILT HOUSES										
United States	137	136	146	160	159	100	100	100	100	100
2 bedrooms or less	26	26	28	28	32	19	19	19	18	20
3 bedrooms	79	82	85	97	93	58	60	58	61	59
4 bedrooms or more	32	28	33	35	33	23	20	23	22	21
Inside MSAs	75	75	81	86	84	100	100	100	100	100
2 bedrooms or less	9	10	13	11	12	13	13	16	12	14
3 bedrooms	42	47	45	51	49	56	62	55	59	58
4 bedrooms or more	24	19	24	25	23	32	25	29	28	28
Outside MSAs	62	61	65	74	74	100	100	100	100	100
2 bedrooms or less	17	16	15	17	20	27	27	23	24	27
3 bedrooms	37	35	40	46	44	60	58	62	62	59
4 bedrooms or more	8	9	9	10	10	13	15	14	14	14
Northeast	17	15	15	16	18	100	100	100	100	100
2 bedrooms or less	3	3	3	(B)	3	20	17	18	(B)	20
3 bedrooms	9	8	8	9	10	52	56	51	55	56
4 bedrooms or more	5	4	5	5	4	28	27	32	32	24
Midwest	41	42	42	47	47	100	100	100	100	100
2 bedrooms or less	8	8	9	9	9	20	19	22	18	19
3 bedrooms	24	27	24	29	29	59	63	56	62	62
4 bedrooms or more	9	7	9	9	9	22	17	22	20	20
South	55	51	59	66	63	100	100	100	100	100
2 bedrooms or less	9	9	9	11	12	17	17	16	16	19
3 bedrooms	34	32	39	43	38	62	63	66	64	61
4 bedrooms or more	12	10	11	13	12	21	20	19	20	20
West	25	28	30	31	31	100	100	100	100	100
2 bedrooms or less	5	7	7	7	8	22	25	23	23	25
3 bedrooms	13	15	15	17	16	51	52	50	54	52
4 bedrooms or more	7	6	8	7	7	27	22	27	23	24

B Withheld because estimate did not meet publication standards on the basis of sample size.

1Includes houses built for rent (not shown separately).

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CHARACTERISTICS OF NEW HOUSING

Table 5. Type of Construction Method by Category of House and Location: 1993 to 1997

[Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Percents computed from unrounded figures]

Category of house, location, and number of bathrooms	Number of houses (thousands)					Percent distribution				
	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993
ALL NEW HOUSES¹										
United States	1 116	1 129	1 066	1 160	1 039	100	100	100	100	100
Stick-built	1 046	1 059	1 001	1 093	978	94	94	94	94	94
Modular	40	37	35	38	32	4	3	3	3	3
Other ²	30	32	29	30	29	3	3	3	3	3
Inside MSAs	904	913	848	929	818	100	100	100	100	100
Stick-built	858	867	807	887	783	95	95	95	95	96
Modular	21	19	17	18	13	2	2	2	2	2
Other ²	25	27	24	25	22	3	3	3	3	3
Outside MSAs	212	215	217	232	222	100	100	100	100	100
Stick-built	188	192	194	206	195	89	89	89	89	88
Modular	19	18	18	20	19	9	8	8	9	9
Other ²	5	5	5	5	7	2	2	2	2	3
Northeast	115	108	108	113	105	100	100	100	100	100
Stick-built	102	92	92	98	91	88	85	85	87	87
Modular	10	9	10	10	9	9	9	9	9	9
Other ²	4	6	6	5	5	3	6	5	4	4
Midwest	236	245	232	255	232	100	100	100	100	100
Stick-built	209	220	210	231	210	89	90	90	90	91
Modular	17	16	15	17	13	7	7	7	7	6
Other ²	9	8	7	7	8	4	3	3	3	3
South	506	507	472	507	456	100	100	100	100	100
Stick-built	481	483	449	484	433	95	95	95	95	95
Modular	10	8	8	8	8	2	2	2	2	2
Other ²	14	15	15	15	15	3	3	3	3	3
West	259	269	253	285	247	100	100	100	100	100
Stick-built	253	264	250	280	243	98	98	99	98	98
Modular	3	3	(B)	3	(B)	1	1	(B)	1	(B)
Other ²	3	(B)	(B)	3	(B)	1	(B)	(B)	1	(B)
BUILT FOR SALE										
United States	757	746	682	739	642	100	100	100	100	100
Stick-built	727	716	654	712	618	96	96	96	96	96
Modular	7	7	7	8	7	1	1	1	1	1
Other ²	22	23	21	20	17	3	3	3	3	3
Inside MSAs	692	678	617	671	580	100	100	100	100	100
Stick-built	663	651	592	648	560	96	96	96	97	96
Modular	6	5	5	5	5	1	1	1	1	1
Other ²	22	22	20	19	16	3	3	3	3	3
Outside MSAs	65	68	65	68	61	100	100	100	100	100
Stick-built	64	65	62	64	58	97	96	95	94	96
Modular	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Other ²	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Northeast	72	68	64	65	58	100	100	100	100	100
Stick-built	67	61	57	59	53	92	90	89	91	91
Modular	3	(B)	3	3	3	4	(B)	5	5	5
Other ²	3	5	4	3	(B)	4	7	6	5	(B)
Midwest	137	135	127	136	118	100	100	100	100	100
Stick-built	130	127	120	130	112	94	94	95	96	95
Modular	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Other ²	7	5	4	4	4	5	4	3	3	3
South	344	335	306	326	287	100	100	100	100	100
Stick-built	330	321	292	313	276	96	96	96	96	96
Modular	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Other ²	12	13	12	11	10	3	4	4	4	4
West	204	207	185	212	178	100	100	100	100	100
Stick-built	201	206	184	210	177	99	99	99	99	99
Modular	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Other ²	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
CONTRACTOR-BUILT HOUSES										
United States	192	214	204	238	216	100	100	100	100	100
Stick-built	171	193	183	215	196	89	90	90	90	91
Modular	18	18	17	18	15	9	8	8	8	7
Other ²	4	4	4	5	5	2	2	2	2	3
Inside MSAs	118	139	129	155	139	100	100	100	100	100
Stick-built	109	129	119	144	131	92	93	93	93	94
Modular	7	8	7	8	6	6	6	6	5	4
Other ²	(B)	(B)	3	3	(B)	(B)	(B)	2	2	2
Outside MSAs	74	76	76	83	77	100	100	100	100	100
Stick-built	62	64	64	71	65	84	85	85	86	84
Modular	11	10	10	10	9	14	13	13	12	12
Other ²	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Northeast	22	23	27	29	27	100	100	100	100	100
Stick-built	18	18	22	24	23	79	81	82	83	83
Modular	3	4	4	4	3	15	17	16	14	13
Other ²	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Midwest	50	58	57	67	61	100	100	100	100	100
Stick-built	40	49	48	56	53	80	85	84	83	86
Modular	9	8	8	10	7	17	13	14	14	11
Other ²	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
South	91	105	92	106	95	100	100	100	100	100
Stick-built	85	98	86	100	89	93	94	94	95	94
Modular	5	5	4	4	4	5	5	4	4	4
Other ²	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 5. Type of Construction Method by Category of House and Location: 1993 to 1997—Con.

[Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Percents computed from unrounded figures]

Category of house, location, and number of bathrooms	Number of houses (thousands)					Percent distribution				
	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993
CONTRACTOR-BUILT HOUSES—										
Con.										
West	28	28	29	36	33	100	100	100	100	100
Stick-built	27	26	27	35	32	96	94	96	97	95
Modular	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Other ²										
OWNER-BUILT HOUSES										
United States	137	136	146	160	159	100	100	100	100	100
Stick-built	121	122	132	144	143	88	90	90	90	90
Modular	13	10	10	12	11	9	8	7	7	7
Other ²	4	3	4	4	5	3	2	3	3	3
Inside MSAs	75	75	81	87	84	100	100	100	100	100
Stick-built	68	69	75	80	79	91	93	93	92	94
Modular	5	4	4	5	3	7	6	5	6	4
Other ²	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Outside MSAs	62	61	65	73	74	100	100	100	100	100
Stick-built	53	53	57	64	64	85	87	87	87	86
Modular	8	6	6	7	8	12	10	9	9	11
Other ²	3	(B)	(B)	(B)	3	4	(B)	(B)	(B)	4
Northeast	17	15	15	16	18	100	100	100	100	100
Stick-built	14	12	12	13	14	82	82	79	82	78
Modular	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	3	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	16
Other ²	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Midwest	41	42	42	47	47	100	100	100	100	100
Stick-built	33	35	36	40	41	80	84	85	84	86
Modular	7	6	5	6	5	17	14	11	12	11
Other ²	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
South	55	51	59	66	63	100	100	100	100	100
Stick-built	51	48	55	62	58	93	95	94	93	93
Modular	3	(B)	(B)	3	3	5	(B)	(B)	5	4
Other ²	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
West	25	28	30	31	31	100	100	100	100	100
Stick-built	23	26	29	29	30	95	95	96	95	97
Modular	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Other ²										

B Withheld because estimate did not meet publication standards on the basis of sample size.

¹Includes houses built for rent (not shown separately).²Includes panelized and precut units.

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**Table 6. Principal Type of Exterior Wall Material by Category of House and Location:
1993 to 1997—Con.**

[Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Percents computed from unrounded figures]

Category of house, location, and exterior wall material	Number of houses (thousands)					Percent distribution				
	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993
OWNER-BUILT HOUSES—Con.										
Northeast	17	15	15	16	18	100	100	100	100	100
Brick	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Wood	5	5	6	7	9	32	36	38	44	53
Stucco	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Vinyl siding	10	9	7	8	7	61	58	49	47	41
Aluminum siding	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Other ²	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Midwest	41	42	42	47	47	100	100	100	100	100
Brick	5	4	5	5	6	12	10	12	11	12
Wood	9	10	11	12	16	23	23	26	26	34
Stucco	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Vinyl siding	24	25	23	25	22	59	60	55	54	46
Aluminum siding	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Other ²	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
South	55	51	59	66	63	100	100	100	100	100
Brick	21	21	22	25	23	38	40	38	38	37
Wood	11	11	14	15	20	20	22	24	22	32
Stucco	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Vinyl siding	17	14	15	21	14	32	28	26	32	23
Aluminum siding	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Other ²	3	(B)	3	3	(B)	5	(B)	6	4	(B)
West	25	28	30	31	31	100	100	100	100	100
Brick	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Wood	12	16	19	19	21	49	59	65	63	68
Stucco	7	6	6	6	5	30	20	21	18	18
Vinyl siding	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Aluminum siding	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Other ²	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)

B Withheld because estimate did not meet publication standards on the basis of sample size.

¹Includes houses built for rent (not shown separately).

²Includes cinder block, stone, and other types.

Figure 2.

New Houses Using Wood as Exterior Wall Material

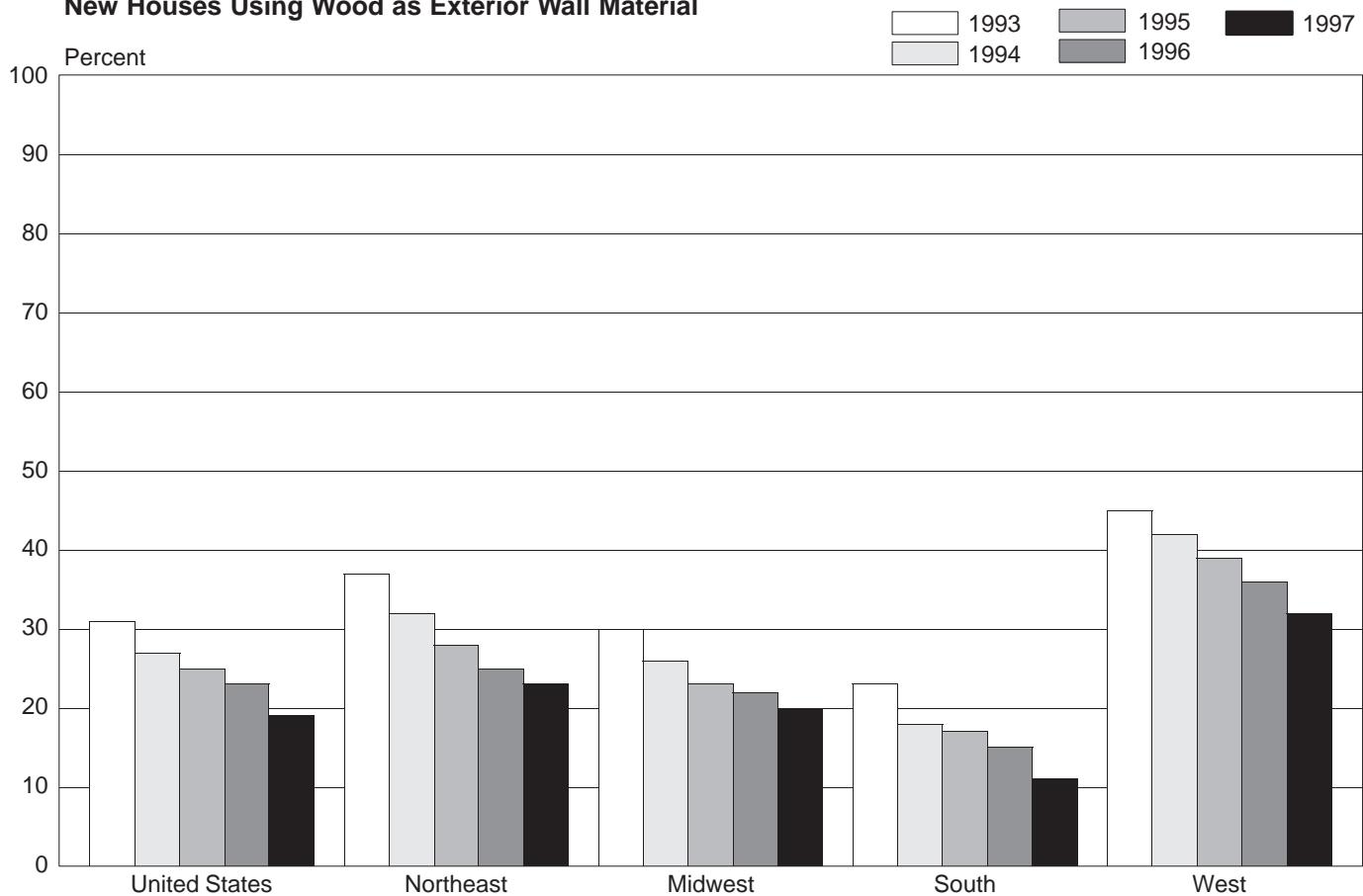


Table 7. Type of Financing by Category of House and Location: 1993 to 1997

[Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Percents computed from unrounded figures]

Category of house, location, and type of financing	Number of houses (thousands)					Percent distribution				
	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993
ALL NEW HOUSES¹										
United States	1 116	1 129	1 066	1 160	1 039	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Type of financing reported ²	981	961	893	989	912	100	100	100	100	100
FHA insured	83	84	70	80	83	9	9	8	8	9
VA guaranteed	41	49	44	51	51	4	5	5	5	6
Conventional ³	751	714	660	735	653	77	74	74	74	72
Rural Housing Service	8	9	12	10	8	1	1	1	1	1
Cash	98	104	108	113	116	10	11	12	11	13
Inside MSAs	904	913	848	929	818	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Type of financing reported ²	795	778	714	791	717	100	100	100	100	100
FHA insured	78	80	65	75	76	10	10	9	10	11
VA guaranteed	38	46	41	47	47	5	6	6	6	7
Conventional ³	616	586	542	597	528	77	75	76	75	74
Rural Housing Service	4	7	8	5	4	1	1	1	1	1
Cash	58	60	59	67	62	7	8	8	8	9
Outside MSAs	212	215	217	232	222	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Type of financing reported ²	186	182	179	198	194	100	100	100	100	100
FHA insured	5	4	5	5	7	3	2	3	2	4
VA guaranteed	3	3	4	3	4	1	2	2	2	2
Conventional ³	135	128	118	139	125	73	70	66	70	64
Rural Housing Service	3	3	4	5	4	2	1	2	2	2
Cash	40	44	48	47	54	22	24	27	23	28
Northeast	115	108	108	113	105	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Type of financing reported ²	98	82	79	87	85	100	100	100	100	100
FHA insured	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	3
VA guaranteed	(Z)	(Z)	1	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
Conventional ³	86	73	71	78	75	88	88	90	90	88
Rural Housing Service	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
Cash	10	8	6	7	10	9	7	7	7	8
Midwest	236	245	232	255	232	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Type of financing reported ²	210	212	201	225	208	100	100	100	100	100
FHA insured	9	9	8	7	8	4	4	4	3	4
VA guaranteed	2	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1
Conventional ³	179	177	168	188	174	86	84	83	84	83
Rural Housing Service	(Z)	(Z)	1	1	(Z)	(S)	(S)	1	1	(S)
Cash	18	22	22	25	23	9	10	11	11	11
South	506	507	472	507	456	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Type of financing reported ²	440	432	397	436	400	100	100	100	100	100
FHA insured	41	44	35	43	45	9	9	10	10	11
VA guaranteed	27	32	28	32	32	6	7	7	7	8
Conventional ³	326	303	277	303	261	74	70	70	69	65
Rural Housing Service	5	5	8	8	6	1	1	2	2	2
Cash	42	48	49	51	56	10	11	12	12	14
West	259	269	253	285	247	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Type of financing reported ²	233	235	217	242	218	100	100	100	100	100
FHA insured	32	29	26	29	28	14	12	12	12	13
VA guaranteed	11	14	13	15	16	5	6	6	6	7
Conventional ³	160	161	144	166	143	69	69	67	69	66
Rural Housing Service	2	4	2	(Z)	(Z)	1	2	1	1	(S)
Cash	28	27	31	31	30	12	11	14	13	14
HOUSES BUILT FOR SALE										
United States	757	746	682	740	642	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Type of financing reported ²	665	633	564	619	553	100	100	100	100	100
FHA insured	78	78	66	74	78	12	12	12	12	14
VA guaranteed	39	47	43	48	49	6	7	8	8	9
Conventional ³	506	468	413	453	390	76	74	73	73	70
Rural Housing Service	6	7	9	7	6	1	1	2	1	1
Cash	37	32	33	36	31	6	5	6	6	6
Inside MSAs	692	678	617	672	580	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Type of financing reported ²	611	579	515	565	504	100	100	100	100	100
FHA insured	74	75	62	72	73	12	13	12	13	14
VA guaranteed	37	44	40	46	45	6	8	8	8	9
Conventional ³	466	430	382	414	358	76	74	74	73	71
Rural Housing Service	4	6	7	4	3	1	1	1	1	1
Cash	31	24	24	29	24	5	4	5	5	5
Outside MSAs	65	68	65	68	61	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Type of financing reported ²	55	54	49	54	49	100	100	100	100	100
FHA insured	4	3	4	3	5	8	6	9	5	10
VA guaranteed	2	2	3	3	3	3	4	7	5	7
Conventional ³	41	39	31	38	31	74	72	63	72	63
Rural Housing Service	2	1	2	3	3	3	3	4	5	5
Cash	6	8	9	7	7	12	15	18	13	14
Northeast	72	68	64	66	58	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Type of financing reported ²	62	52	43	48	45	100	100	100	100	100
FHA insured	1	1	1	1	2	2	3	2	3	4
VA guaranteed	(Z)	(Z)	1	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
Conventional ³	56	48	40	45	41	91	92	92	93	90
Rural Housing Service	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
Cash	4	3	2	2	2	7	5	4	4	5
Midwest	137	135	127	136	118	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Type of financing reported ²	119	113	105	116	102	100	100	100	100	100
FHA insured	8	9	7	6	7	8	8	6	5	7
VA guaranteed	2	3	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	3
Conventional ³	102	95	89	100	87	86	84	85	87	85
Rural Housing Service	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	1	(S)
Cash	6	6	7	6	5	5	5	6	5	5

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Table 7. Type of Financing by Category of House and Location: 1993 to 1997—Con.

[Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Percents computed from unrounded figures]

Category of house, location, and type of financing	Number of houses (thousands)					Percent distribution				
	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993
OWNER-BUILT HOUSES—Con.										
Northeast	17	15	15	16	18	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Type of financing reported	14	11	12	13	15	100	100	100	100	100
FHA insured	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
VA guaranteed	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
Conventional ¹	11	9	10	10	12	80	81	81	80	81
Rural Housing Service	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
Cash	3	2	2	2	3	20	19	19	18	19
Midwest	41	42	42	47	47	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Type of financing reported	38	38	38	43	43	100	100	100	100	100
FHA insured	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
VA guaranteed	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
Conventional ¹	31	30	29	31	32	80	79	78	73	73
Rural Housing Service	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
Cash	7	8	8	11	11	19	21	21	26	26
South	55	51	59	66	63	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Type of financing reported	48	45	51	60	57	100	100	100	100	100
FHA insured	(Z)	1	(Z)	1	1	(S)	1	(S)	1	1
VA guaranteed	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	1	(S)
Conventional ¹	32	28	33	41	30	67	62	64	68	53
Rural Housing Service	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
Cash	15	17	17	18	26	30	37	34	30	45
West	25	28	30	31	31	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Type of financing reported	22	24	25	26	29	100	100	100	100	100
FHA insured	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	1	1	(S)	(S)	(S)	2	2
VA guaranteed	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
Conventional ¹	13	13	14	16	16	58	55	54	61	56
Rural Housing Service	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
Cash	9	10	11	10	12	40	43	43	36	41

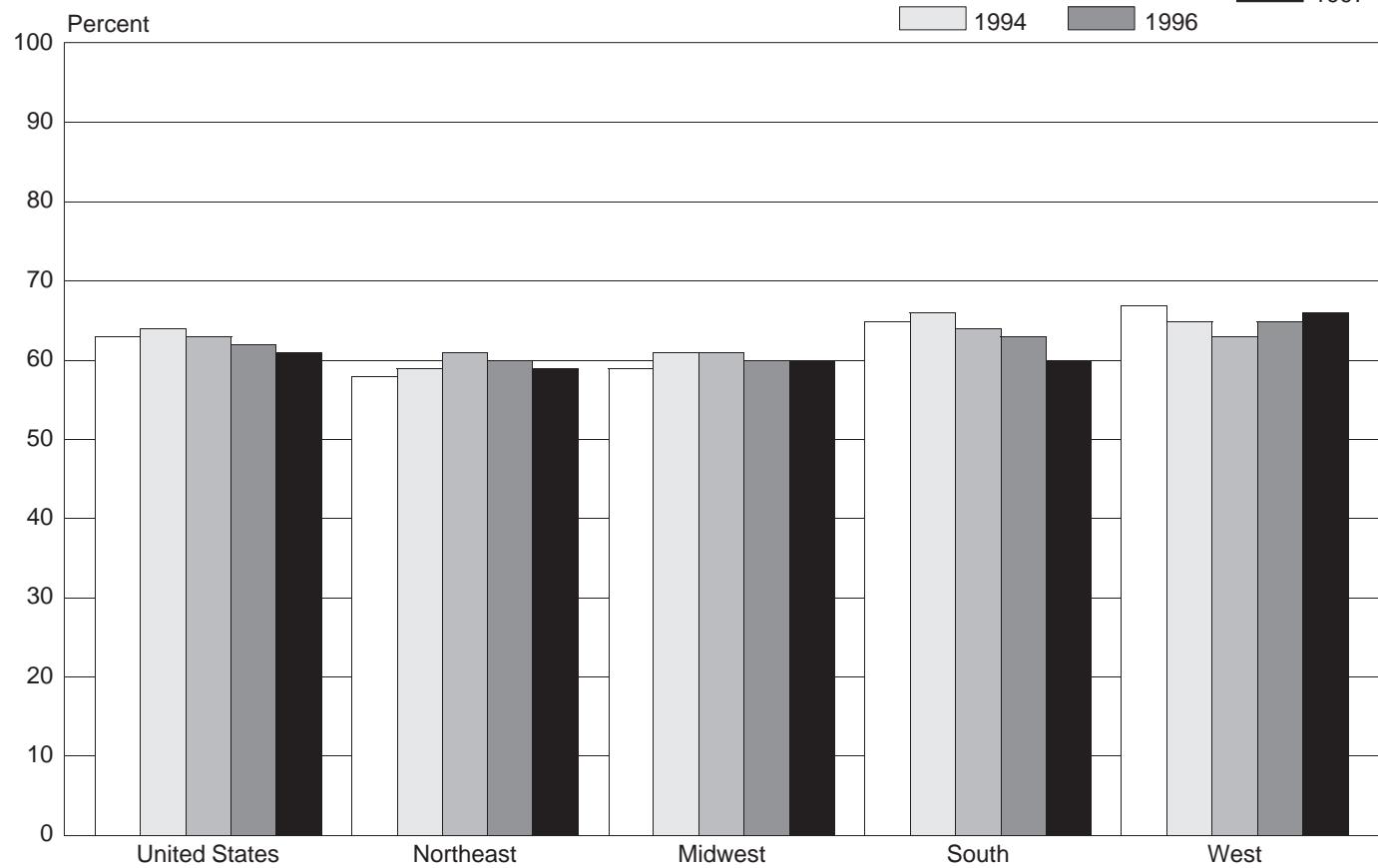
S Withheld because estimate did not meet publication standards on the basis of response rate, associated standard error, or a consistency review. X Not applicable. Z Less than 500 units or less than 0.5 percent.

¹Includes houses built for rent (not shown separately).²Excludes houses not yet sold.³Includes other types of financing (not shown separately).

Figure 3.

New Houses With One Fireplace or More

1993 1995 1997
1994 1996



18 PRIVATELY OWNED ONE-FAMILY HOUSES COMPLETED

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Table 8. Number of Fireplaces by Category of House and Location: 1993 to 1997

[Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Percents computed from unrounded figures]

Category of house, location, and number of fireplaces	Number of houses (thousands)					Percent distribution				
	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993
ALL NEW HOUSES¹										
United States	1 116	1 129	1 066	1 160	1 039	100	100	100	100	100
No fireplace	433	424	394	417	381	39	38	37	36	37
1 fireplace	634	669	615	680	605	57	59	58	59	58
2 fireplaces or more	49	36	56	63	53	4	3	5	5	5
Inside MSAs	904	913	848	929	818	100	100	100	100	100
No fireplace	300	291	261	274	241	33	32	31	29	29
1 fireplace	560	591	537	599	531	62	65	63	65	65
2 fireplaces or more	44	32	50	56	45	5	3	6	6	6
Outside MSAs	212	215	217	232	222	100	100	100	100	100
No fireplace	133	133	133	143	140	62	62	61	62	63
1 fireplace	74	78	78	81	75	35	36	35	34	34
2 fireplaces or more	5	4	6	7	8	2	2	3	3	3
Northeast	115	108	108	113	105	100	100	100	100	100
No fireplace	48	43	42	46	44	41	40	39	41	42
1 fireplace	62	61	59	61	57	53	57	55	54	54
2 fireplaces or more	6	3	6	6	4	5	3	6	5	4
Midwest	236	245	232	255	232	100	100	100	100	100
No fireplace	93	98	90	100	95	40	40	39	41	41
1 fireplace	133	139	131	141	124	56	57	56	55	54
2 fireplaces or more	9	7	11	14	13	4	3	5	5	6
South	506	507	472	507	456	100	100	100	100	100
No fireplace	203	188	170	172	162	40	37	36	34	35
1 fireplace	289	307	284	313	278	57	61	60	62	61
2 fireplaces or more	14	12	19	21	16	3	2	4	4	4
West	259	269	253	285	247	100	100	100	100	100
No fireplace	88	94	92	98	80	34	35	37	35	33
1 fireplace	151	161	142	164	147	58	60	56	58	59
2 fireplaces or more	20	14	19	22	20	8	5	8	8	8
HOUSES BUILT FOR SALE										
United States	757	746	682	740	642	100	100	100	100	100
No fireplace	250	231	212	223	189	33	31	31	30	29
1 fireplace	477	496	442	485	427	63	67	65	66	67
2 fireplaces or more	30	19	28	32	26	4	3	4	4	4
Inside MSAs	692	678	617	672	580	100	100	100	100	100
No fireplace	212	193	173	181	150	31	28	28	27	26
1 fireplace	451	467	417	460	405	65	69	68	69	70
2 fireplaces or more	29	18	27	31	25	4	3	4	5	4
Outside MSAs	65	68	65	68	61	100	100	100	100	100
No fireplace	38	38	39	42	39	59	56	60	62	64
1 fireplace	26	29	25	25	21	40	43	39	37	34
2 fireplaces or more	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Northeast	72	68	64	66	58	100	100	100	100	100
No fireplace	27	26	24	24	21	37	38	38	37	36
1 fireplace	42	41	37	38	35	58	60	58	58	61
2 fireplaces or more	4	(B)	3	3	(B)	5	(B)	4	4	(B)
Midwest	137	135	127	136	118	100	100	100	100	100
No fireplace	44	43	41	44	39	32	32	32	32	33
1 fireplace	88	90	82	87	75	64	66	64	64	63
2 fireplaces or more	5	(B)	4	5	5	3	(B)	3	4	4
South	344	335	306	326	287	100	100	100	100	100
No fireplace	118	100	88	94	86	34	30	29	30	30
1 fireplace	219	228	207	222	194	64	68	68	68	68
2 fireplaces or more	7	7	10	11	7	2	2	3	3	2
West	204	207	185	212	178	100	100	100	100	100
No fireplace	61	63	58	61	43	30	30	32	29	24
1 fireplace	129	137	116	138	122	63	66	63	65	69
2 fireplaces or more	14	8	11	13	12	7	4	6	6	7
CONTRACTOR-BUILT HOUSES										
United States	192	214	204	238	216	100	100	100	100	100
No fireplace	88	94	86	98	89	46	44	42	41	41
1 fireplace	91	109	101	121	111	47	51	49	51	51
2 fireplaces or more	13	11	17	19	17	7	5	8	8	8
Inside MSAs	118	139	129	155	139	100	100	100	100	100
No fireplace	44	51	43	50	47	37	36	34	32	33
1 fireplace	64	79	71	89	80	55	57	55	58	58
2 fireplaces or more	10	9	14	16	13	9	7	11	10	9
Outside MSAs	74	76	76	83	77	100	100	100	100	100
No fireplace	44	43	43	48	42	59	57	56	58	55
1 fireplace	27	30	30	32	31	36	40	38	40	40
2 fireplaces or more	3	(B)	3	3	4	4	(B)	4	4	5
Northeast	22	23	27	29	27	100	100	100	100	100
No fireplace	9	8	10	12	13	42	35	38	42	48
1 fireplace	12	14	15	15	13	52	60	53	52	47
2 fireplaces or more	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 8. Number of Fireplaces by Category of House and Location: 1993 to 1997—Con.

[Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Percents computed from unrounded figures]

Category of house, location, and number of fireplaces	Number of houses (thousands)					Percent distribution				
	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993
CONTRACTOR-BUILT HOUSES—										
Con.										
Midwest	50	58	57	67	61	100	100	100	100	100
No fireplace	21	24	23	28	25	41	42	40	41	41
1 fireplace	27	31	29	34	31	53	54	52	51	51
2 fireplaces or more	3	3	5	5	6	4	8	8	8	8
South	91	105	92	106	95	100	100	100	100	100
No fireplace	45	49	42	43	36	49	47	45	41	38
1 fireplace	41	52	45	57	52	45	50	49	54	55
2 fireplaces or more	5	4	5	6	6	4	6	6	6	6
West	28	28	29	36	33	100	100	100	100	100
No fireplace	13	13	11	15	15	45	46	39	42	44
1 fireplace	12	12	13	15	14	42	41	44	41	43
2 fireplaces or more	4	4	5	6	4	13	13	17	17	13
OWNER-BUILT HOUSES										
United States	137	136	146	160	159	100	100	100	100	100
No fireplace	71	71	70	79	83	51	53	48	49	52
1 fireplace	61	59	66	70	66	44	43	45	43	41
2 fireplaces or more	6	6	10	12	10	5	4	7	7	7
Inside MSAs	75	75	81	86	84	100	100	100	100	100
No fireplace	29	30	28	33	33	38	40	35	38	39
1 fireplace	41	41	45	45	44	54	55	56	52	52
2 fireplaces or more	5	4	7	8	7	7	6	9	10	9
Outside MSAs	62	61	65	74	74	100	100	100	100	100
No fireplace	42	41	42	46	50	67	68	64	63	67
1 fireplace	20	18	21	24	22	32	29	32	33	30
2 fireplaces or more	(B)	(B)	3	3	3	(B)	(B)	4	4	4
Northeast	17	15	15	16	18	100	100	100	100	100
No fireplace	9	7	6	7	8	52	50	41	43	47
1 fireplace	7	7	8	8	8	44	46	51	48	47
2 fireplaces or more	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Midwest	41	42	42	47	47	100	100	100	100	100
No fireplace	23	23	22	25	26	55	56	51	53	55
1 fireplace	17	17	18	19	18	41	40	44	41	39
2 fireplaces or more	(B)	(B)	(B)	3	3	(B)	(B)	(B)	6	7
South	55	51	59	66	63	100	100	100	100	100
No fireplace	27	26	26	28	29	49	50	44	42	47
1 fireplace	26	24	29	34	30	48	47	50	51	48
2 fireplaces or more	(B)	(B)	3	5	3	(B)	(B)	6	7	5
West	25	28	30	31	31	100	100	100	100	100
No fireplace	12	15	16	19	19	49	54	54	62	61
1 fireplace	10	11	11	9	9	40	39	36	30	30
2 fireplaces or more	3	(B)	3	3	3	10	(B)	11	9	9

B Withheld because estimate did not meet publication standards on the basis of sample size.

¹Includes houses built for rent (not shown separately).

Table 9. Type of Foundation by Category of House and Location: 1993 to 1997—Con.

[Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Percents computed from unrounded figures]

Category of house, location, and type of foundation	Number of houses (thousands)					Percent distribution				
	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993
CONTRACTOR-BUILT HOUSES—Con.										
Midwest	50	58	57	67	61	100	100	100	100	100
Full or partial basement	40	47	47	54	50	80	80	83	80	82
Slab ²	3	4	(B)	3	3	6	6	(B)	5	5
Crawl space	7	8	8	10	7	15	14	13	15	12
South	91	105	92	106	95	100	100	100	100	100
Full or partial basement	16	16	15	17	15	18	16	17	16	16
Slab ²	41	53	43	54	47	45	51	47	51	49
Crawl space	34	36	34	35	33	38	34	37	33	35
West	28	28	29	36	33	100	100	100	100	100
Full or partial basement	8	8	9	14	12	29	30	30	40	37
Slab ²	9	8	9	8	7	32	30	31	23	22
Crawl space	11	11	11	13	14	39	40	40	37	40
OWNER-BUILT HOUSES										
United States	137	136	146	160	159	100	100	100	100	100
Full or partial basement	63	64	69	72	72	46	47	47	45	45
Slab ²	34	35	37	41	40	25	26	26	25	25
Crawl space	40	37	40	47	47	29	27	27	30	30
Inside MSAs	75	75	81	86	84	100	100	100	100	100
Full or partial basement	36	39	41	43	42	48	52	51	49	50
Slab ²	22	21	22	26	25	30	28	28	30	29
Crawl space	16	15	17	18	18	22	21	21	21	21
Outside MSAs	62	61	65	74	74	100	100	100	100	100
Full or partial basement	27	25	28	29	30	44	41	42	40	40
Slab ²	12	14	15	15	15	19	24	23	21	20
Crawl space	24	22	23	29	29	38	35	35	40	40
Northeast	17	15	15	16	18	100	100	100	100	100
Full or partial basement	15	13	13	14	16	87	88	89	88	88
Slab ²	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Crawl space	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Midwest	41	42	42	47	47	100	100	100	100	100
Full or partial basement	30	31	33	34	36	72	74	78	72	77
Slab ²	3	3	(B)	3	3	7	7	(B)	7	5
Crawl space	9	8	7	10	9	21	19	17	21	18
South	55	51	59	66	63	100	100	100	100	100
Full or partial basement	11	11	12	13	11	20	21	20	20	18
Slab ²	23	24	27	29	29	42	47	46	43	46
Crawl space	20	16	20	24	23	37	32	34	37	37
West	25	28	30	31	31	100	100	100	100	100
Full or partial basement	8	9	10	11	9	32	31	35	35	28
Slab ²	7	7	7	8	7	29	27	25	25	23
Crawl space	10	12	12	13	15	40	42	41	41	49

B Withheld because estimate did not meet publication standards on the basis of sample size.

¹Includes houses built for rent (not shown separately).²Includes a small number of other foundation types.

Table 10. Type of Heating Fuel by Category of House and Location: 1993 to 1997—Con.

[Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Percents computed from unrounded figures]

Category of house, location, and type of heating fuel	Number of houses (thousands)					Percent distribution				
	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993
CONTRACTOR-BUILT HOUSES—										
Con.										
Northeast	22	23	27	29	27	100	100	100	100	100
Gas	9	8	10	12	11	41	36	36	42	40
Electricity	3	4	5	6	6	15	16	18	20	24
Oil	10	11	12	10	10	43	48	45	36	36
Other types or none	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Midwest	50	58	57	67	61	100	100	100	100	100
Gas	45	53	49	58	53	90	91	87	86	86
Electricity	4	5	6	8	8	9	8	11	12	13
Oil	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Other types or none	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
South	91	105	92	106	95	100	100	100	100	100
Gas	36	36	30	38	32	39	35	32	36	33
Electricity	55	67	60	66	61	60	64	66	63	64
Oil	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Other types or none	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
West	28	28	29	36	33	100	100	100	100	100
Gas	20	21	19	27	23	72	76	68	75	70
Electricity	6	5	7	7	7	22	19	25	18	22
Oil	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Other types or none	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	3	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	8
OWNER-BUILT HOUSES										
United States	137	136	146	160	159	100	100	100	100	100
Gas	78	82	85	90	89	57	60	58	57	56
Electricity	41	37	43	49	47	30	27	30	31	30
Oil	12	10	9	11	10	9	8	6	7	6
Other types or none	6	7	9	10	12	5	5	6	6	8
Inside MSAs	75	75	81	86	84	100	100	100	100	100
Gas	46	49	52	53	54	62	66	64	62	64
Electricity	21	20	22	24	22	28	26	27	28	26
Oil	5	5	5	6	5	7	7	6	7	6
Other types or none	(B)	(B)	(B)	3	3	(B)	(B)	(B)	3	4
Outside MSAs	62	61	65	74	74	100	100	100	100	100
Gas	32	33	33	37	35	50	54	51	50	47
Electricity	20	17	22	25	25	32	28	33	34	34
Oil	7	5	4	5	5	10	9	6	7	7
Other types or none	4	6	7	7	9	7	9	10	9	12
Northeast	17	15	15	16	18	100	100	100	100	100
Gas	6	4	5	6	7	33	30	35	35	41
Electricity	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Oil	10	9	7	8	8	59	59	48	52	46
Other types or none	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Midwest	41	42	42	47	47	100	100	100	100	100
Gas	32	35	35	36	37	79	84	82	78	79
Electricity	6	5	5	8	5	14	11	11	16	12
Oil	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Other types or none	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	4	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	8
South	55	51	59	66	63	100	100	100	100	100
Gas	22	22	25	30	27	41	44	42	45	43
Electricity	30	26	31	33	32	55	50	53	50	51
Oil	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	5
Other types or none	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	3	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	
West	25	28	30	31	31	100	100	100	100	100
Gas	18	19	20	19	18	72	70	66	61	57
Electricity	5	6	7	7	8	21	20	22	22	27
Oil	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Other types or none	(B)	3	3	4	4	(B)	(B)	9	10	14

B Withheld because estimate did not meet publication standards on the basis of sample size.

¹Includes houses built for rent (not shown separately).

Table 11. Type of Heating System by Category of House and Location: 1993 to 1997—Con.

[Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Percents computed from unrounded figures]

Category of house, location, and type of heating system	Number of houses (thousands)					Percent distribution				
	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993
CONTRACTOR-BUILT HOUSES—Con.										
Northeast	22	23	27	29	27	100	100	100	100	100
Warm-air furnace	10	9	10	11	11	44	40	36	39	39
Heat pump	3	3	4	5	4	13	13	16	18	16
Hot water or steam	9	10	12	12	11	40	44	45	40	40
Other ²	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Midwest	50	58	57	67	61	100	100	100	100	100
Warm-air furnace	44	51	47	57	52	87	88	83	84	85
Heat pump	3	5	5	6	6	7	8	9	9	10
Hot water or steam	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Other ²	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
South	91	105	92	106	95	100	100	100	100	100
Warm-air furnace	41	42	33	43	37	45	40	36	41	39
Heat pump	48	61	54	58	52	53	58	59	55	55
Hot water or steam	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Other ²	(B)	(B)	4	4	5	(B)	(B)	4	4	5
West	28	28	29	36	33	100	100	100	100	100
Warm-air furnace	18	20	18	25	22	64	72	63	68	65
Heat pump	5	3	4	4	4	19	12	15	12	12
Hot water or steam	(B)	(B)	(B)	3	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	8	(B)
Other ²	3	3	5	5	5	10	10	16	13	16
OWNER-BUILT HOUSES										
United States	137	136	146	160	159	100	100	100	100	100
Warm-air furnace	81	82	84	93	92	59	60	57	58	58
Heat pump	31	27	34	35	31	22	19	23	22	19
Hot water or steam	15	15	14	17	15	11	11	10	11	10
Other ²	10	12	14	15	20	8	9	10	10	13
Inside MSAs	75	75	81	86	84	100	100	100	100	100
Warm-air furnace	51	52	52	58	57	68	69	64	67	68
Heat pump	16	15	18	18	16	21	20	22	21	19
Hot water or steam	5	5	7	7	6	7	7	8	8	7
Other ²	3	4	5	4	5	4	5	6	5	5
Outside MSAs	62	61	65	74	74	100	100	100	100	100
Warm-air furnace	30	30	32	35	35	48	50	48	48	47
Heat pump	15	12	16	17	14	24	19	25	23	19
Hot water or steam	10	10	7	10	9	16	16	11	14	13
Other ²	7	8	9	11	15	12	14	15	15	21
Northeast	17	15	15	16	18	100	100	100	100	100
Warm-air furnace	7	6	6	6	8	44	41	39	36	43
Heat pump	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Hot water or steam	8	7	7	8	8	48	49	48	52	48
Other ²	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Midwest	41	42	42	47	47	100	100	100	100	100
Warm-air furnace	32	34	33	35	37	79	81	79	75	78
Heat pump	3	3	3	5	3	6	6	8	10	6
Hot water or steam	3	3	(B)	3	3	7	6	(B)	7	7
Other ²	3	3	3	4	5	8	7	8	8	10
South	55	51	59	66	63	100	100	100	100	100
Warm-air furnace	27	27	28	35	32	49	53	48	53	52
Heat pump	25	20	27	26	24	46	39	46	39	38
Hot water or steam	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Other ²	3	3	4	4	6	5	7	6	6	10
West	25	28	30	31	31	100	100	100	100	100
Warm-air furnace	14	15	16	17	16	57	54	54	54	51
Heat pump	3	3	4	4	4	13	12	12	13	12
Hot water or steam	4	4	4	4	4	18	16	14	13	11
Other ²	3	5	6	6	8	12	18	20	21	25

B Withheld because estimate did not meet publication standards on the basis of sample size.

¹Includes houses built for rent (not shown separately).²Includes electric baseboard, panel, radiant heat, space heater, floor or wall furnace, solar, other types, or none.

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Table 12. Presence of Outdoor Features by Category of House and Location: 1993 to 1997

[Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Percents computed from unrounded figures]

Category of house, location, and number of bathrooms	Number of houses (thousands)					Percent distribution				
	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993
ALL NEW HOUSES										
United States	1 116	1 129	1 066	1 160	1 039	100	100	100	100	100
With:										
Patio	441	434	393	437	383	40	39	37	38	37
Porch	510	475	453	485	439	46	42	43	42	42
Deck	361	379	371	412	372	32	34	35	35	36
Without:										
Patio	675	695	672	723	656	60	61	63	62	63
Porch	606	654	613	676	601	54	58	57	58	58
Deck	755	749	694	749	667	68	66	65	65	64
Inside MSAs.....	904	913	848	929	818	100	100	100	100	100
With:										
Patio	382	375	336	379	331	42	41	40	41	41
Porch	390	366	342	364	324	43	40	40	39	40
Deck	269	291	282	307	266	30	32	33	33	32
Without:										
Patio	522	539	512	550	486	58	59	60	59	59
Porch	514	548	507	565	495	57	60	60	61	60
Deck	635	622	566	623	551	70	68	67	67	68
Outside MSAs.....	212	215	217	232	222	100	100	100	100	100
With:										
Patio	59	59	57	58	52	28	28	26	25	24
Porch	120	109	111	121	115	56	51	52	53	53
Deck	92	88	89	105	106	43	41	41	46	47
Without:										
Patio	153	156	160	173	170	72	72	74	75	76
Porch	92	106	106	111	106	44	49	49	48	47
Deck	120	127	128	126	116	57	59	59	54	53
Northeast.....	115	108	108	113	105	100	100	100	100	100
With:										
Patio	19	18	15	17	10	17	16	14	15	10
Porch	37	33	34	32	29	32	30	31	28	27
Deck	65	62	65	66	59	56	57	60	59	56
Without:										
Patio	96	90	92	96	95	83	84	86	85	90
Porch	78	75	74	81	77	68	70	69	72	73
Deck	51	46	43	47	46	44	43	40	41	44
Midwest.....	236	245	232	255	232	100	100	100	100	100
With:										
Patio	68	64	62	70	61	29	26	27	28	26
Porch	110	103	97	100	94	47	42	42	39	41
Deck	85	86	88	101	95	36	35	38	39	41
Without:										
Patio	169	180	170	185	171	71	74	73	72	74
Porch	126	142	135	155	138	53	58	58	61	59
Deck	151	158	144	154	136	64	65	62	61	59
South.....	506	507	472	507	456	100	100	100	100	100
With:										
Patio	225	219	195	216	196	45	43	41	43	43
Porch	255	244	229	245	215	50	48	48	48	47
Deck	148	161	147	163	146	29	32	31	32	32
Without:										
Patio	280	288	278	291	260	55	57	59	57	57
Porch	251	264	244	262	240	50	52	52	52	53
Deck	357	346	325	345	309	71	68	69	68	68
West.....	259	269	253	285	247	100	100	100	100	100
With:										
Patio	129	133	121	135	117	50	49	48	47	47
Porch	109	96	94	107	101	42	36	37	38	41
Deck	63	69	71	82	72	24	26	28	29	29
Without:										
Patio	130	136	132	150	130	50	51	52	53	53
Porch	150	173	159	178	146	58	64	63	62	59
Deck	196	200	183	203	175	76	74	72	71	71
HOUSES BUILT FOR SALE										
United States	757	746	682	739	642	100	100	100	100	100
With:										
Patio	334	321	291	317	271	44	43	43	43	43
Porch	304	266	248	260	231	40	36	36	35	36
Deck	215	227	213	233	206	28	30	31	32	32
Without:										
Patio	423	425	391	422	370	56	57	57	57	57
Porch	453	480	434	479	411	60	64	64	65	64
Deck	542	518	468	506	436	72	70	69	68	68
Inside MSAs.....	692	678	617	671	580	100	100	100	100	100
With:										
Patio	311	299	266	293	253	45	44	43	44	44
Porch	267	237	219	228	202	39	35	36	34	35
Deck	189	201	188	204	176	27	30	30	30	30

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Table 12. Presence of Outdoor Features by Category of House and Location: 1993 to 1997—Con.

[Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Percents computed from unrounded figures]

Category of house, location, and number of bathrooms	Number of houses (thousands)					Percent distribution				
	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993
HOUSES BUILT FOR SALE—Con.										
Inside MSAs—Con.										
Without:										
Patio	381	379	350	378	327	55	56	57	56	56
Porch	424	442	398	443	379	61	65	64	66	65
Deck	503	476	428	467	404	73	70	70	70	70
Outside MSAs	65	68	65	68	61	100	100	100	100	100
With:										
Patio	23	22	25	24	18	36	32	38	35	30
Porch	37	29	29	32	29	56	43	45	47	47
Deck	26	26	25	29	30	40	38	39	43	48
Without:										
Patio	42	46	41	44	43	64	68	62	65	70
Porch	29	38	36	36	32	44	57	55	53	53
Deck	39	42	40	39	32	60	62	61	57	52
Northeast	72	68	64	65	58	100	100	100	100	100
With:										
Patio	14	13	10	11	6	19	19	15	17	10
Porch	20	17	15	14	12	27	26	24	22	21
Deck	43	42	42	41	35	59	61	66	64	60
Without:										
Patio	59	55	54	54	52	81	81	85	83	90
Porch	53	51	48	51	46	73	74	76	78	79
Deck	30	26	22	24	23	41	39	34	36	40
Midwest	137	135	127	136	118	100	100	100	100	100
With:										
Patio	46	41	41	44	36	34	30	32	31	31
Porch	59	50	48	47	42	43	37	38	34	35
Deck	47	46	45	50	48	34	35	37	41	41
Without:										
Patio	91	95	87	92	82	66	70	68	68	69
Porch	78	85	79	89	76	57	63	62	66	65
Deck	90	89	82	86	70	66	66	65	63	59
South	344	335	306	326	287	100	100	100	100	100
With:										
Patio	174	163	148	160	142	51	49	48	49	49
Porch	147	132	121	125	109	43	39	40	39	38
Deck	90	102	91	97	87	26	30	30	30	30
Without:										
Patio	170	173	158	165	146	49	51	52	51	51
Porch	197	203	185	200	179	57	61	60	61	62
Deck	253	234	215	228	200	74	70	70	70	70
West	204	207	185	212	178	100	100	100	100	100
With:										
Patio	100	104	92	103	88	49	50	50	48	49
Porch	78	66	64	74	68	38	32	34	35	38
Deck	36	38	36	44	36	17	19	19	21	20
Without:										
Patio	104	103	93	110	90	51	50	50	52	51
Porch	126	141	122	138	110	62	68	66	65	62
Deck	168	169	150	168	142	83	81	81	79	80
CONTRACTOR-BUILT HOUSES										
United States	192	214	204	238	216	100	100	100	100	100
With:										
Patio	59	64	54	68	62	31	30	27	29	29
Porch	112	116	111	129	118	58	54	54	55	55
Deck	78	85	83	101	91	41	40	40	42	42
Without:										
Patio	133	150	150	170	154	69	70	73	71	71
Porch	80	98	93	109	98	42	46	46	45	45
Deck	114	129	122	137	126	59	60	60	58	58
Inside MSAs	118	139	129	155	139	100	100	100	100	100
With:										
Patio	38	44	38	51	45	33	32	30	33	33
Porch	71	76	70	84	75	61	55	55	54	54
Deck	45	53	51	61	53	38	38	39	38	38
Without:										
Patio	79	95	91	104	93	67	68	70	67	67
Porch	46	62	58	71	64	39	45	45	46	46
Deck	73	86	78	94	86	62	62	61	61	62
Outside MSAs	74	76	76	83	77	100	100	100	100	100
With:										
Patio	21	20	16	17	17	28	27	22	20	22
Porch	41	40	41	45	43	55	53	54	55	56
Deck	33	32	32	40	38	44	43	42	48	49
Without:										
Patio	54	55	59	66	61	72	73	78	80	78
Porch	34	36	35	38	34	45	47	46	45	44
Deck	41	43	44	43	40	56	57	58	52	51

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CHARACTERISTICS OF NEW HOUSING

Table 12. Presence of Outdoor Features by Category of House and Location: 1993 to 1997—Con.

[Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Percents computed from unrounded figures]

Category of house, location, and number of bathrooms	Number of houses (thousands)					Percent distribution				
	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993
CONTRACTOR-BUILT HOUSES—Con.										
Northeast	22	23	27	29	27	100	100	100	100	100
With:										
Patio	3	3	4	4	(B)	14	11	15	12	(B)
Porch	9	10	12	12	11	42	41	43	41	39
Deck	12	12	14	15	13	52	52	52	52	49
Without:										
Patio	19	21	23	25	25	86	89	85	88	91
Porch	13	14	16	17	17	58	59	57	59	61
Deck	11	11	13	14	14	48	48	48	48	51
Midwest	50	58	57	67	61	100	100	100	100	100
With:										
Patio	11	13	11	15	13	22	22	20	22	22
Porch	28	28	27	30	29	56	48	47	45	48
Deck	19	23	23	28	25	37	39	40	42	40
Without:										
Patio	39	45	46	52	48	78	78	80	78	78
Porch	22	30	30	37	32	44	52	53	55	52
Deck	31	35	34	39	36	63	61	60	58	60
South	91	105	92	106	95	100	100	100	100	100
With:										
Patio	30	35	26	33	32	32	33	29	31	34
Porch	59	66	59	69	60	65	63	65	66	64
Deck	33	36	30	37	34	36	35	32	35	36
Without:										
Patio	62	70	65	73	62	68	67	71	69	66
Porch	32	39	32	36	34	35	37	35	34	36
Deck	58	69	62	68	60	64	65	68	65	64
West	28	28	29	36	33	100	100	100	100	100
With:										
Patio	15	14	13	17	14	54	50	45	46	43
Porch	15	13	13	17	18	54	45	46	48	53
Deck	14	14	16	20	19	51	51	55	56	56
Without:										
Patio	13	14	16	19	19	46	50	55	54	57
Porch	13	15	16	19	16	46	55	54	52	47
Deck	14	14	13	16	15	49	49	45	44	44
OWNER-BUILT HOUSES										
United States	137	136	146	160	159	100	100	100	100	100
With:										
Patio	37	35	35	40	38	27	26	24	25	24
Porch	81	79	83	91	86	59	59	57	57	55
Deck	60	59	68	74	73	44	44	47	46	46
Without:										
Patio	101	101	110	120	121	73	74	76	75	76
Porch	56	56	63	69	72	41	41	43	43	45
Deck	77	77	77	87	86	56	56	53	54	54
Inside MSAs	75	75	81	87	84	100	100	100	100	100
With:										
Patio	24	22	22	25	25	32	29	28	30	29
Porch	44	44	45	49	45	59	59	57	57	54
Deck	31	31	38	39	37	41	42	48	44	44
Without:										
Patio	51	54	58	61	60	68	71	72	70	71
Porch	31	31	35	37	39	41	41	43	43	46
Deck	44	44	42	49	47	59	58	52	56	56
Outside MSAs	62	61	65	73	74	100	100	100	100	100
With:										
Patio	13	13	13	15	13	20	22	20	20	18
Porch	37	35	38	42	41	59	58	56	56	56
Deck	29	28	30	35	36	47	46	46	48	48
Without:										
Patio	50	47	52	59	61	80	78	80	80	82
Porch	25	25	28	32	33	41	42	42	44	44
Deck	33	33	35	38	39	53	54	54	52	52
Northeast	17	15	15	16	18	100	100	100	100	100
With:										
Patio	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Porch	7	5	6	6	6	44	37	42	36	32
Deck	9	7	8	8	10	50	50	56	51	55
Without:										
Patio	15	13	13	14	16	89	88	90	89	89
Porch	9	9	9	10	12	56	63	58	64	68
Deck	8	7	7	8	8	50	50	44	49	45

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 12. Presence of Outdoor Features by Category of House and Location: 1993 to 1997—Con.

[Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Percents computed from unrounded figures]

Category of house, location, and number of bathrooms	Number of houses (thousands)					Percent distribution				
	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993
OWNER-BUILT HOUSES—Con.										
Midwest.....	41	42	42	47	47	100	100	100	100	100
With:										
Patio	7	7	8	9	8	18	17	19	20	17
Porch	21	22	21	23	23	50	52	50	48	48
Deck	18	16	19	22	22	39	45	46	46	46
Without:										
Patio	34	35	35	38	39	82	83	81	80	83
Porch	21	20	21	24	24	50	48	50	52	52
Deck	24	26	23	25	25	57	61	55	54	54
South.....	55	51	59	66	63	100	100	100	100	100
With:										
Patio	15	15	14	18	16	28	28	24	27	26
Porch	39	37	40	47	43	72	73	69	71	69
Deck	21	20	24	26	23	39	39	41	40	37
Without:										
Patio	39	37	44	48	47	72	72	76	73	74
Porch	15	14	18	19	19	28	27	31	29	31
Deck	34	31	35	40	39	61	61	59	60	63
West.....	25	28	30	31	31	100	100	100	100	100
With:										
Patio	12	12	12	11	11	50	42	40	37	37
Porch	14	15	16	15	15	58	54	52	49	47
Deck	13	15	17	17	18	52	55	57	57	58
Without:										
Patio	12	16	18	19	20	50	58	60	63	63
Porch	10	13	14	16	17	42	46	48	51	53
Deck	12	12	13	13	13	48	45	43	43	42

B Withheld because estimate did not meet publication standards on the basis of sample size.

¹Includes houses built for rent (not shown separately).

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Table 14. Number of Stories by Category of House and Location: 1993 to 1997

[Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Percents computed from unrounded figures]

Category of house, location, and number of stories	Number of houses (thousands)					Percent distribution				
	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993
ALL NEW HOUSES¹										
United States	1 116	1 129	1 066	1 160	1 039	100	100	100	100	100
1 story	542	559	520	571	499	49	49	49	49	48
2 stories or more ²	546	535	511	549	498	49	47	48	47	48
Split level	28	35	35	40	43	3	3	3	3	4
Inside MSAs	904	913	848	929	818	100	100	100	100	100
1 story	401	414	375	414	356	44	45	44	45	44
2 stories or more ²	479	471	445	482	428	53	52	52	52	52
Split level	23	29	28	33	34	3	3	3	4	4
Outside MSAs	212	215	217	232	222	100	100	100	100	100
1 story	141	145	145	157	143	66	67	67	68	65
2 stories or more ²	67	64	66	67	70	31	30	30	29	31
Split level	5	6	7	8	9	2	3	3	3	4
Northeast	115	108	108	113	105	100	100	100	100	100
1 story	23	21	21	18	18	20	19	19	16	17
2 stories or more ²	91	86	84	92	84	79	79	78	81	80
Split level	(B)	(B)	3	3	3	(B)	(B)	3	2	3
Midwest	236	245	232	255	232	100	100	100	100	100
1 story	106	113	101	115	104	45	46	44	45	45
2 stories or more ²	117	117	117	122	108	49	48	50	48	47
Split level	13	15	14	19	19	6	6	6	7	8
South	506	507	472	507	456	100	100	100	100	100
1 story	284	286	270	289	254	56	56	57	57	56
2 stories or more ²	215	212	195	212	194	43	42	41	42	43
Split level	6	9	8	5	7	1	2	2	1	2
West	259	269	253	285	247	100	100	100	100	100
1 story	128	140	129	148	122	50	52	51	52	49
2 stories or more ²	123	120	115	123	112	47	45	45	43	45
Split level	8	9	10	13	13	3	3	4	5	5
HOUSES BUILT FOR SALE										
United States	757	746	682	740	642	100	100	100	100	100
1 story	350	339	310	333	282	46	46	45	45	44
2 stories or more ²	385	379	347	377	329	51	51	51	51	51
Split level	21	28	25	30	30	3	4	4	4	5
Inside MSAs	692	678	617	672	580	100	100	100	100	100
1 story	301	291	261	284	240	44	43	42	42	41
2 stories or more ²	370	362	334	362	314	54	53	54	54	54
Split level	20	25	23	27	26	3	4	4	4	5
Outside MSAs	65	68	65	68	61	100	100	100	100	100
1 story	49	48	49	49	42	75	70	76	73	69
2 stories or more ²	15	17	13	15	15	23	25	20	22	25
Split level	(B)	3	(B)	3	4	(B)	5	(B)	5	6
Northeast	72	68	64	66	58	100	100	100	100	100
1 story	12	10	8	8	7	17	14	13	12	12
2 stories or more ²	59	58	54	56	50	82	84	86	88	85
Split level	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Midwest	137	135	127	136	118	100	100	100	100	100
1 story	51	50	46	49	41	37	37	36	36	35
2 stories or more ²	76	74	72	73	63	56	55	56	54	53
Split level	10	11	10	14	14	8	8	8	10	12
South	344	335	306	326	287	100	100	100	100	100
1 story	190	177	164	171	146	55	53	54	53	51
2 stories or more ²	149	150	136	151	137	43	45	44	46	48
Split level	4	8	6	4	4	1	2	2	1	2
West	204	207	185	212	178	100	100	100	100	100
1 story	97	103	92	105	88	48	50	49	50	49
2 stories or more ²	100	97	86	96	80	49	47	46	46	45
Split level	6	7	8	10	10	3	4	4	5	6
CONTRACTOR-BUILT HOUSES										
United States	192	214	204	238	216	100	100	100	100	100
1 story	98	118	109	133	114	51	55	53	56	53
2 stories or more ²	90	92	90	99	95	47	43	44	42	44
Split level	3	4	5	6	8	2	2	3	3	4
Inside MSAs	118	139	129	155	139	100	100	100	100	100
1 story	51	69	62	78	64	44	50	49	50	46
2 stories or more ²	64	67	64	74	71	55	48	49	48	51
Split level	(B)	(B)	3	3	5	(B)	(B)	2	2	3
Outside MSAs	74	76	76	83	77	100	100	100	100	100
1 story	47	49	47	55	50	63	64	61	66	64
2 stories or more ²	26	25	26	25	24	35	33	35	30	32
Split level	(B)	(B)	(B)	3	3	(B)	(B)	4	4	4
Northeast	22	23	27	29	27	100	100	100	100	100
1 story	5	6	7	6	7	23	27	27	20	24
2 stories or more ²	17	16	19	23	20	76	71	70	78	72
Split level	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Midwest	50	58	57	67	61	100	100	100	100	100
1 story	28	32	28	35	30	55	55	49	52	50
2 stories or more ²	21	24	26	29	28	42	41	46	43	46
Split level	(B)	(B)	(B)	3	3	(B)	(B)	4	4	5

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 14. Number of Stories by Category of House and Location: 1993 to 1997—Con.

[Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Percents computed from unrounded figures]

Category of house, location, and number of stories	Number of houses (thousands)					Percent distribution				
	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993
CONTRACTOR-BUILT HOUSES—										
Con.										
South	91	105	92	106	95	100	100	100	100	100
1 story	50	64	58	71	60	55	61	63	67	64
2 stories or more ²	41	40	32	34	32	44	38	35	32	34
Split level	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
West	28	28	29	36	33	100	100	100	100	100
1 story	15	15	15	21	16	55	55	54	57	49
2 stories or more ²	12	12	12	14	15	42	42	43	37	45
Split level	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
OWNER-BUILT HOUSES										
United States	137	136	146	160	159	100	100	100	100	100
1 story	76	81	81	91	90	55	60	55	57	57
2 stories or more ²	58	52	62	64	64	42	38	42	40	40
Split level	3	3	4	4	5	2	2	3	3	3
Inside MSAs	75	75	81	86	84	100	100	100	100	100
1 story	37	41	40	45	44	50	54	50	52	52
2 stories or more ²	36	33	39	38	38	48	44	47	45	45
Split level	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Outside MSAs	62	61	65	74	74	100	100	100	100	100
1 story	39	40	41	46	45	62	67	62	63	62
2 stories or more ²	22	19	23	26	26	36	31	36	35	36
Split level	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Northeast	17	15	15	16	18	100	100	100	100	100
1 story	5	4	5	4	5	27	26	31	25	26
2 stories or more ²	12	11	10	11	12	70	72	67	71	71
Split level	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Midwest	41	42	42	47	47	100	100	100	100	100
1 story	23	25	24	27	29	56	60	56	58	62
2 stories or more ²	17	16	17	18	15	42	37	40	38	33
Split level	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
South	55	51	59	66	63	100	100	100	100	100
1 story	34	34	36	41	40	62	67	62	62	64
2 stories or more ²	20	16	21	25	22	36	32	37	37	35
Split level	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
West	25	28	30	31	31	100	100	100	100	100
1 story	14	18	16	19	16	58	64	53	62	50
2 stories or more ²	9	9	13	11	15	38	34	43	35	47
Split level	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)

B Withheld because estimate did not meet publication standards on the basis of sample size.

¹Includes houses built for rent (not shown separately).²Includes a small number of houses with 1 1/2, 2 1/2, or 3 stories.

Table 15. Square Feet of Floor Area by Category of House and Location: 1993 to 1997—Con.

[Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Percents computed from unrounded figures]

Category of house, location, and square feet of floor area	Number of houses (thousands)					Percent distribution				
	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993
HOUSES BUILT FOR SALE—Con.										
West.....	204	207	185	212	178	100	100	100	100	100
Under 1,200 square feet	13	15	15	16	13	7	7	8	8	7
1,200 to 1,599 square feet	47	51	50	53	48	23	24	27	25	27
1,600 to 1,999 square feet	55	56	50	62	50	27	27	27	29	28
2,000 to 2,399 square feet	36	39	31	37	30	18	19	17	17	17
2,400 to 2,999 square feet	29	29	23	28	22	14	14	12	13	13
3,000 square feet or more	23	19	16	16	16	11	9	9	8	9
CONTRACTOR-BUILT HOUSES										
United States.....	192	214	204	238	216	100	100	100	100	100
Under 1,200 square feet	12	13	18	19	17	6	6	9	8	8
1,200 to 1,599 square feet	29	34	33	38	35	15	16	16	16	16
1,600 to 1,999 square feet	39	45	42	50	46	20	21	21	21	21
2,000 to 2,399 square feet	36	43	36	44	39	19	20	18	19	18
2,400 to 2,999 square feet	35	37	34	40	39	18	17	17	17	18
3,000 square feet or more	41	43	42	47	40	21	20	20	20	19
Inside MSAs.....	118	139	129	155	139	100	100	100	100	100
Under 1,200 square feet	5	7	10	9	7	5	5	8	6	5
1,200 to 1,599 square feet	14	18	16	19	18	12	13	13	12	13
1,600 to 1,999 square feet	23	27	23	31	29	19	19	18	20	21
2,000 to 2,399 square feet	22	30	23	29	25	19	21	18	19	18
2,400 to 2,999 square feet	23	26	24	29	28	20	19	18	19	20
3,000 square feet or more	30	32	32	38	31	26	23	25	24	23
Outside MSAs.....	74	76	76	83	77	100	100	100	100	100
Under 1,200 square feet	7	6	8	10	10	9	8	10	13	12
1,200 to 1,599 square feet	15	16	16	19	17	20	21	22	23	22
1,600 to 1,999 square feet	16	18	19	19	17	22	23	25	23	22
2,000 to 2,399 square feet	14	13	13	15	14	19	17	17	18	18
2,400 to 2,999 square feet	12	11	11	11	11	16	15	14	13	14
3,000 square feet or more	11	11	10	9	9	15	15	13	11	12
Northeast.....	22	23	27	29	27	100	100	100	100	100
Under 1,200 square feet	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	3	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	10
1,200 to 1,599 square feet	3	3	4	5	5	13	14	15	17	17
1,600 to 1,999 square feet	4	4	4	5	6	19	18	14	16	20
2,000 to 2,399 square feet	4	5	5	6	4	16	23	19	20	16
2,400 to 2,999 square feet	6	5	6	6	6	25	22	21	22	20
3,000 square feet or more	5	4	6	5	5	21	19	22	19	17
Midwest.....	50	58	57	67	61	100	100	100	100	100
Under 1,200 square feet	(B)	3	4	5	4	(B)	6	7	8	7
1,200 to 1,599 square feet	10	9	10	11	12	19	16	18	16	19
1,600 to 1,999 square feet	11	13	12	16	12	21	22	22	24	20
2,000 to 2,399 square feet	10	11	11	13	11	21	20	19	19	18
2,400 to 2,999 square feet	8	11	10	10	11	17	20	17	15	17
3,000 square feet or more	9	10	10	12	12	17	17	18	18	19
South.....	91	105	92	106	95	100	100	100	100	100
Under 1,200 square feet	7	7	9	10	7	7	7	10	9	8
1,200 to 1,599 square feet	13	17	15	16	15	14	16	17	16	16
1,600 to 1,999 square feet	18	22	20	22	21	20	21	21	21	22
2,000 to 2,399 square feet	17	22	15	20	17	19	21	17	19	18
2,400 to 2,999 square feet	17	16	14	16	17	19	15	15	16	18
3,000 square feet or more	20	21	18	21	17	22	20	20	20	18
West.....	28	28	29	36	33	100	100	100	100	100
Under 1,200 square feet	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	3	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	7
1,200 to 1,599 square feet	3	5	3	6	5	12	18	12	16	13
1,600 to 1,999 square feet	6	5	6	7	7	21	19	21	20	21
2,000 to 2,399 square feet	5	4	5	6	6	17	13	16	17	19
2,400 to 2,999 square feet	5	5	5	7	6	16	17	18	19	18
3,000 square feet or more	8	8	7	8	7	28	28	26	23	21
OWNER-BUILT HOUSES										
United States.....	137	136	146	160	159	100	100	100	100	100
Under 1,200 square feet	13	15	16	17	19	10	11	11	12	12
1,200 to 1,599 square feet	26	23	23	29	29	19	17	15	18	18
1,600 to 1,999 square feet	27	30	33	36	35	19	22	23	23	22
2,000 to 2,399 square feet	22	24	26	26	26	16	17	18	17	16
2,400 to 2,999 square feet	21	23	24	23	26	15	17	16	14	16
3,000 square feet or more	29	22	25	28	24	21	16	17	17	15
Inside MSAs.....	75	75	81	86	84	100	100	100	100	100
Under 1,200 square feet	5	5	7	6	7	7	8	7	9	9
1,200 to 1,599 square feet	11	11	11	13	12	15	14	13	15	14
1,600 to 1,999 square feet	12	16	15	18	16	16	21	19	21	20
2,000 to 2,399 square feet	12	15	15	15	15	16	19	18	17	17
2,400 to 2,999 square feet	14	14	16	15	16	18	19	19	18	19
3,000 square feet or more	21	15	18	19	17	27	20	22	22	21
Outside MSAs.....	62	61	65	74	74	100	100	100	100	100
Under 1,200 square feet	8	10	9	11	12	12	16	15	15	15
1,200 to 1,599 square feet	15	12	12	17	17	24	20	18	23	23
1,600 to 1,999 square feet	15	14	18	18	19	23	23	27	25	25
2,000 to 2,399 square feet	10	9	11	11	11	15	15	17	15	15
2,400 to 2,999 square feet	7	9	8	8	10	12	14	13	11	13
3,000 square feet or more	8	7	6	9	7	14	11	10	12	9
Northeast.....	17	15	15	16	18	100	100	100	100	100
Under 1,200 square feet	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	3	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
1,200 to 1,599 square feet	3	(B)	(B)	(B)	3	18	(B)	(B)	(B)	18
1,600 to 1,999 square feet	4	(B)	(B)	(B)	3	23	(B)	(B)	(B)	15
2,000 to 2,399 square feet	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	3	(B)	(B)	(B)	17	18
2,400 to 2,999 square feet	3	4	3	3	3	18	25	22	17	19
3,000 square feet or more	3	3	3	4	3	18	18	19	23	18

See footnotes at end of table.

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Table 15. Square Feet of Floor Area by Category of House and Location: 1993 to 1997—Con.

[Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Percents computed from unrounded figures]

Category of house, location, and square feet of floor area	Number of houses (thousands)					Percent distribution				
	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993
OWNER-BUILT HOUSES—Con.										
Midwest	41	42	42	47	47	100	100	100	100	100
Under 1,200 square feet	4	4	6	6	6	9	10	13	13	13
1,200 to 1,599 square feet	9	8	9	10	10	21	20	20	22	21
1,600 to 1,999 square feet	9	11	9	12	12	21	25	22	26	25
2,000 to 2,399 square feet	7	7	8	6	7	17	17	18	14	15
2,400 to 2,999 square feet	6	7	6	7	6	14	16	14	14	13
3,000 square feet or more	7	5	6	6	6	18	12	13	12	13
South	55	51	59	66	63	100	100	100	100	100
Under 1,200 square feet	6	6	7	7	8	10	11	11	10	12
1,200 to 1,599 square feet	11	9	8	11	12	20	17	14	17	18
1,600 to 1,999 square feet	10	11	14	15	13	18	21	25	22	21
2,000 to 2,399 square feet	9	10	10	12	10	16	20	17	18	16
2,400 to 2,999 square feet	8	8	10	9	11	15	16	17	14	18
3,000 square feet or more	11	8	9	12	9	21	16	16	19	14
West	25	28	30	31	31	100	100	100	100	100
Under 1,200 square feet	(B)	3	(B)	3	3	(B)	12	(B)	11	10
1,200 to 1,599 square feet	4	4	4	5	4	15	13	12	17	13
1,600 to 1,999 square feet	4	7	7	7	7	18	24	23	22	23
2,000 to 2,399 square feet	4	4	6	5	5	14	15	19	16	17
2,400 to 2,999 square feet	4	4	5	4	5	15	16	15	14	18
3,000 square feet or more	7	6	7	6	6	28	20	23	20	19

B Withheld because estimate did not meet publication standards on the basis of sample size.

¹Includes houses built for rent (not shown separately).

Table 16. Average and Median Square Feet of Floor Area by Category of House, Location, and Type of Financing: 1993 to 1997

[Averages and medians computed from unrounded figures]

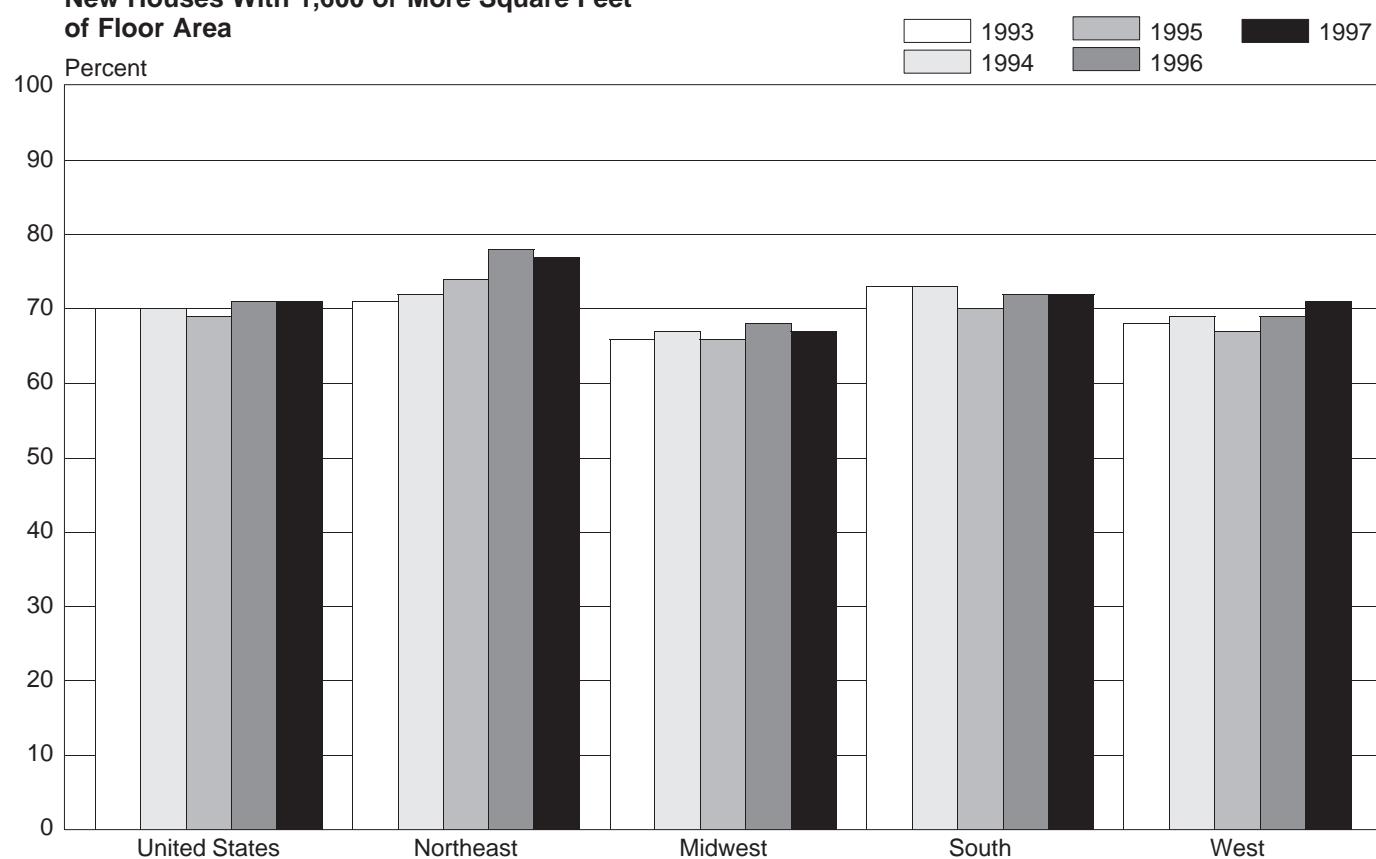
Category of house, location, and type of financing	Average square feet					Median square feet				
	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993
ALL NEW HOUSES¹										
Location										
United States.....	2 150	2 120	2 095	2 100	2 095	1 975	1 950	1 920	1 940	1 945
Inside MSAs	2 200	2 170	2 150	2 160	2 160	2 015	2 000	1 975	1 995	2 000
Outside MSAs.....	1 955	1 915	1 870	1 865	1 860	1 765	1 735	1 720	1 700	1 700
Northeast	2 265	2 280	2 240	2 195	2 160	2 130	2 100	2 095	2 035	2 050
Midwest	2 065	2 025	2 020	2 025	2 025	1 900	1 900	1 850	1 850	1 855
South	2 175	2 160	2 125	2 165	2 150	2 000	1 995	1 945	2 000	2 000
West	2 135	2 070	2 045	2 025	2 050	1 930	1 890	1 835	1 835	1 845
Type of Financing										
FHA insured	1 585	1 565	1 560	1 625	1 580	1 510	1 500	1 470	1 545	1 510
VA guaranteed	1 825	1 795	1 770	1 815	1 865	1 720	1 680	1 640	1 745	1 765
Conventional ²	2 255	2 220	2 195	2 200	2 215	2 100	2 055	2 020	2 050	2 080
Rural Housing Service.....	1 355	1 440	1 240	1 165	1 135	1 265	1 300	1 175	1 090	1 040
Cash	2 060	2 040	2 030	2 000	1 990	1 835	1 825	1 800	1 795	1 800
HOUSES BUILT FOR SALE										
Location										
United States.....	2 100	2 085	2 045	2 050	2 055	1 945	1 945	1 870	1 900	1 900
Inside MSAs	2 135	2 120	2 085	2 090	2 095	1 990	1 980	1 930	1 945	1 955
Outside MSAs.....	1 745	1 715	1 660	1 680	1 680	1 620	1 610	1 565	1 560	1 550
Northeast	2 255	2 270	2 175	2 130	2 120	2 130	2 065	2 010	1 965	2 050
Midwest	1 995	1 960	1 945	1 975	1 965	1 840	1 835	1 800	1 800	1 810
South	2 135	2 155	2 115	2 135	2 140	1 990	1 995	1 955	1 990	2 000
West	2 055	2 000	1 955	1 950	1 965	1 870	1 850	1 795	1 805	1 795
Type of Financing										
FHA insured	1 570	1 565	1 545	1 620	1 580	1 510	1 505	1 465	1 550	1 510
VA guaranteed	1 815	1 790	1 775	1 805	1 870	1 700	1 675	1 645	1 735	1 765
Conventional ²	2 215	2 205	2 165	2 160	2 180	2 080	2 050	2 020	2 030	2 070
Rural Housing Service.....	1 305	1 425	1 280	1 155	1 090	1 220	1 300	1 220	1 090	1 035
Cash	2 045	2 030	1 970	1 985	2 020	1 855	1 820	1 730	1 800	1 865
CONTRACTOR-BUILT HOUSES										
Location										
United States.....	2 410	2 335	2 325	2 295	2 290	2 175	2 100	2 080	2 080	2 100
Inside MSAs	2 560	2 450	2 480	2 455	2 445	2 295	2 200	2 200	2 200	2 215
Outside MSAs.....	2 170	2 130	2 060	2 000	2 020	1 995	1 920	1 910	1 835	1 860
Northeast	2 410	2 400	2 390	2 350	2 235	2 300	2 200	2 290	2 200	2 075
Midwest	2 280	2 250	2 255	2 210	2 260	2 090	2 090	2 040	2 015	2 080
South	2 425	2 315	2 290	2 305	2 300	2 190	2 080	2 000	2 050	2 100
West	2 600	2 540	2 515	2 390	2 365	2 245	2 245	2 200	2 160	2 160
Type of Financing										
FHA insured	1 805	1 540	(S)	1 485	1 530	1 665	1 500	(S)	1 380	1 510
VA guaranteed	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	1 660	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	1 620
Conventional ²	2 450	2 370	2 345	2 350	2 350	2 235	2 160	2 100	2 160	2 160
Rural Housing Service.....	2 300	2 290	2 295	2 170	2 215	2 035	2 080	2 000	1 090	1 090
Cash	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	1 955	1 945
OWNER-BUILT HOUSES										
Location										
United States.....	2 250	2 165	2 190	2 160	2 105	2 020	2 005	2 000	1 955	1 945
Inside MSAs	2 455	2 320	2 375	2 345	2 290	2 270	2 160	2 180	2 160	2 150
Outside MSAs.....	2 010	1 985	1 960	1 935	1 895	1 800	1 815	1 870	1 790	1 775
Northeast	2 260	2 285	2 320	2 315	2 245	2 000	2 185	2 160	2 160	2 080
Midwest	2 160	2 060	2 050	1 985	1 975	1 950	1 900	1 920	1 800	1 800
South	2 245	2 175	2 170	2 215	2 085	2 050	2 030	1 980	2 000	1 945
West	2 405	2 245	2 380	2 230	2 265	2 140	2 015	2 160	1 995	2 060
Type of Financing										
FHA insured	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	1 980	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	2 030
VA guaranteed	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	1 990	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	2 060
Conventional ²	2 350	2 285	2 305	2 250	2 235	2 160	2 115	2 100	2 045	2 085
Rural Housing Service.....	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	1 325	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	1 190
Cash	2 005	1 920	1 975	1 970	1 900	1 780	1 700	1 800	1 750	1 750

S Withheld because estimate did not meet publication standards on the basis of response rate, associated standard error, or a consistency review.

¹Includes houses built for rent (not shown separately).

²Includes other types of financing (not shown separately).

Figure 4.
**New Houses With 1,600 or More Square Feet
of Floor Area**



New Houses With a Full or Partial Basement

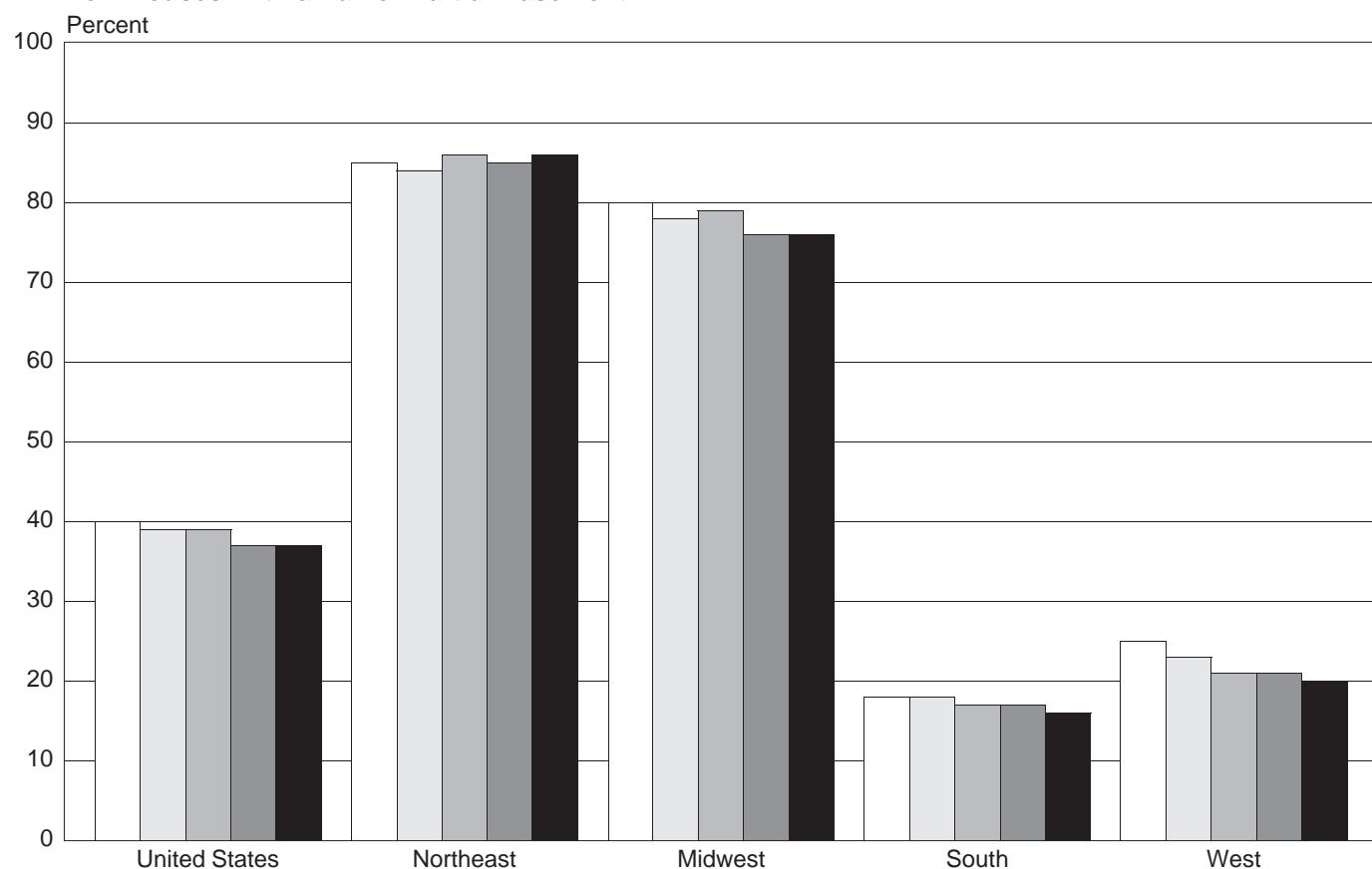
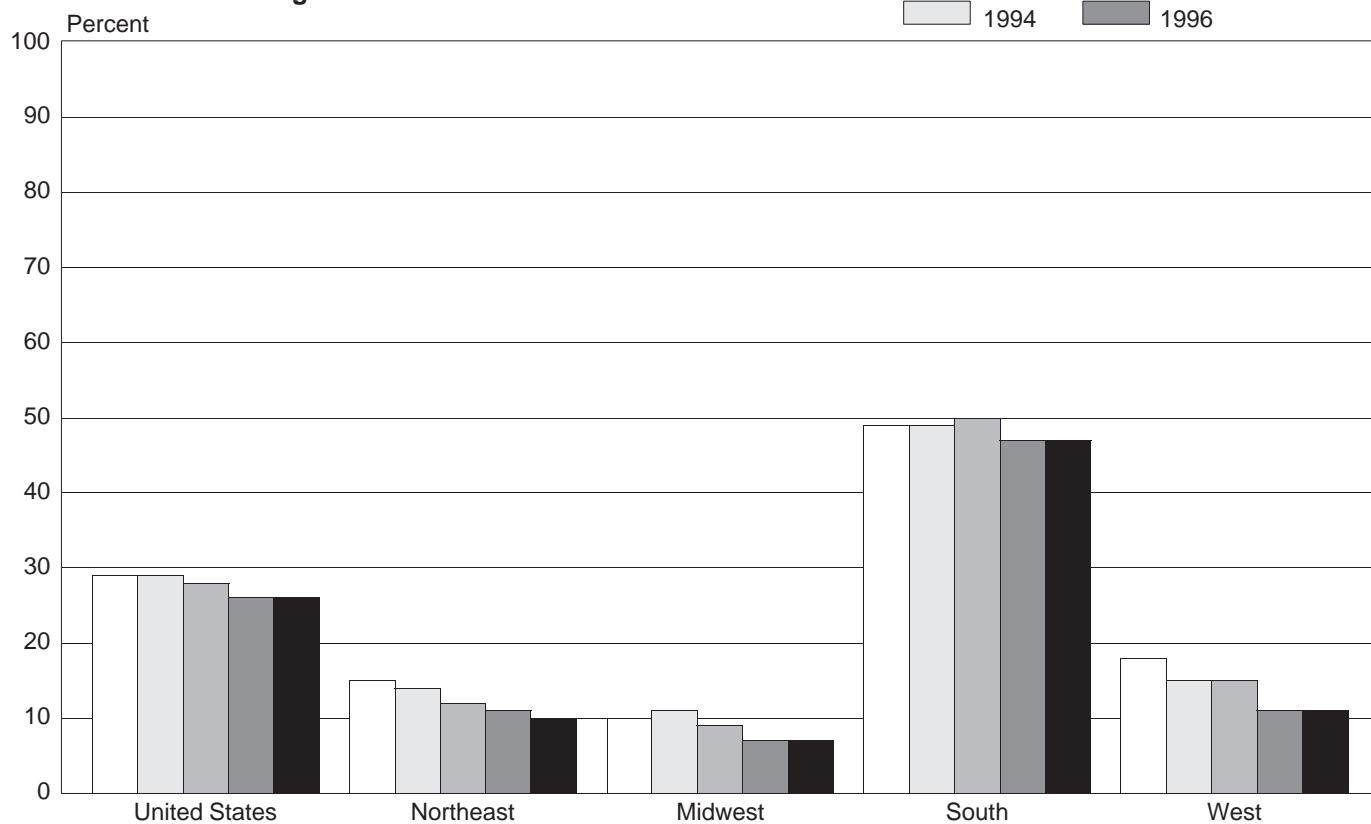
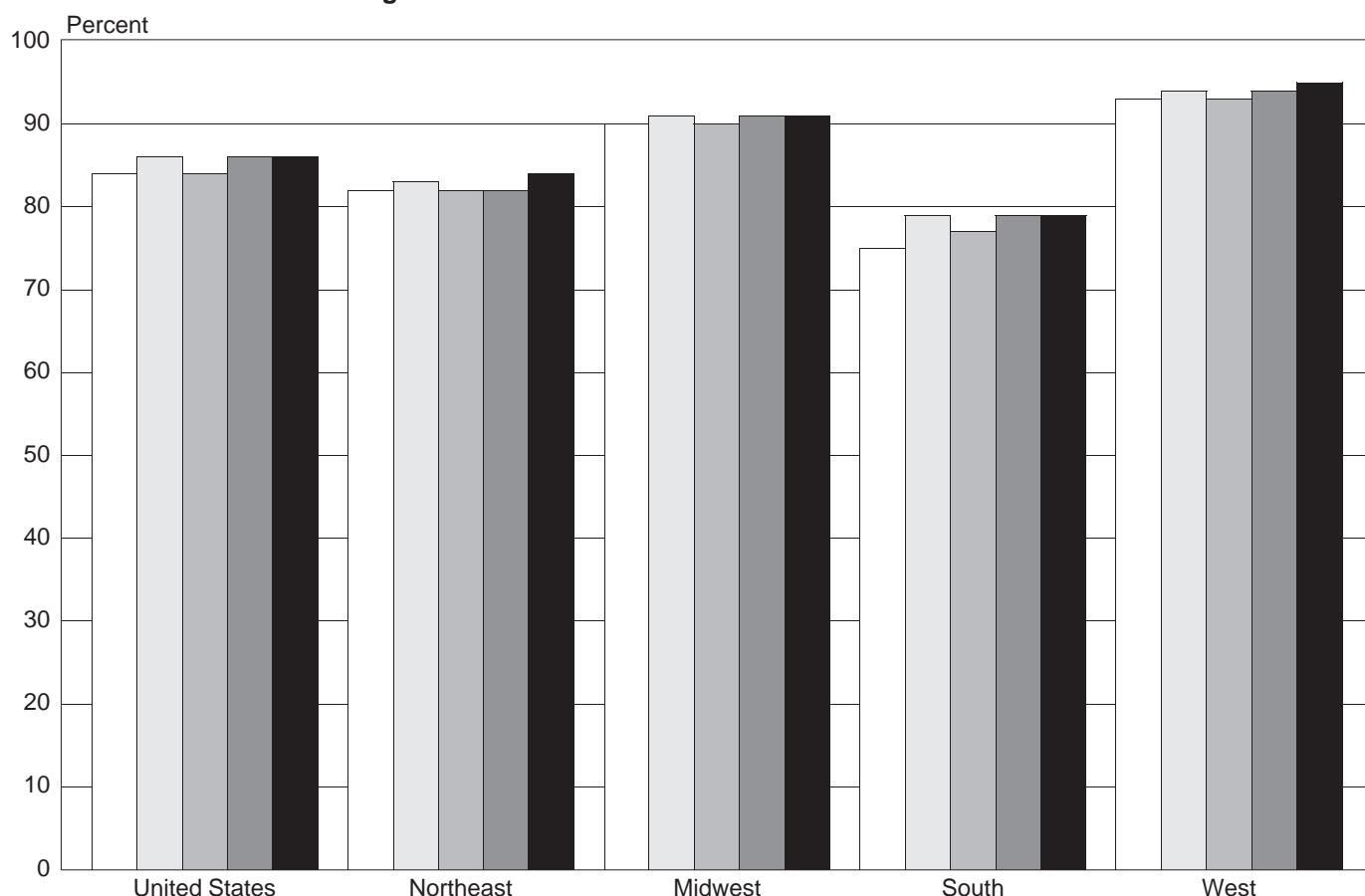


Figure 5.

New Houses Using Electric Heat**New Houses With a Garage**

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CHARACTERISTICS OF NEW HOUSING

Table 17. Characteristics of New Multifamily Buildings by Region: 1993 to 1997

[Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Percents computed from unrounded figures]

Characteristics and region	Number of buildings (thousands)					Percent distribution				
	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993
United States	30	29	27	23	19	100	100	100	100	100
Northeast	3	2	4	2	2	11	8	17	9	9
Midwest	7	7	7	6	5	21	25	26	26	28
South	12	11	8	8	6	41	38	31	36	33
West	8	8	7	7	6	26	28	26	29	30
NUMBER OF FLOORS										
United States	30	29	27	23	19	100	100	100	100	100
1 to 3 floors	29	29	27	23	19	98	99	98	99	98
4 floors or more	1	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	2	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
Northeast	3	2	4	2	2	100	100	100	100	100
1 to 3 floors	3	2	4	2	2	98	98	96	99	96
4 floors or more	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
Midwest	7	7	7	6	5	100	100	100	100	100
1 to 3 floors	7	7	7	6	5	99	99	99	100	99
4 floors or more	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
South	12	11	8	8	6	100	100	100	100	100
1 to 3 floors	12	11	8	8	6	98	98	98	98	98
4 floors or more	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
West	8	8	7	7	6	100	100	100	100	100
1 to 3 floors	8	8	7	7	6	99	99	99	98	98
4 floors or more	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
NUMBER OF UNITS										
United States	30	29	27	23	19	100	100	100	100	100
2 to 4 units	13	12	13	11	9	44	41	46	50	49
5 to 9 units	7	7	6	6	5	24	24	23	25	28
10 to 19 units	6	7	5	4	3	21	23	19	16	15
20 to 29 units	2	3	2	1	1	8	9	9	5	5
30 to 49 units	1	1	1	1	(Z)	2	3	2	3	(S)
50 units or more	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
Northeast	3	2	4	2	2	100	100	100	100	100
2 to 4 units	(Z)	1	(S)	1	1	(S)	62	(S)	69	63
5 to 9 units	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
10 to 19 units	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
20 to 29 units	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
30 to 49 units	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
50 units or more	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
Midwest	7	7	7	6	5	100	100	100	100	100
2 to 4 units	4	4	4	4	3	49	57	60	59	57
5 to 9 units	1	1	1	1	1	17	17	18	15	20
10 to 19 units	2	1	1	1	1	24	24	17	13	14
20 to 29 units	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
30 to 49 units	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
50 units or more	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
South	12	11	8	8	6	100	100	100	100	100
2 to 4 units	3	3	2	4	3	26	31	22	42	41
5 to 9 units	4	2	2	2	2	31	22	28	27	29
10 to 19 units	3	3	2	2	1	25	28	29	20	20
20 to 29 units	2	2	1	1	(Z)	14	16	17	7	(S)
30 to 49 units	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
50 units or more	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
West	8	8	7	7	6	100	100	100	100	100
2 to 4 units	3	3	3	3	3	33	35	39	45	46
5 to 9 units	3	3	2	2	2	35	34	33	34	37
10 to 19 units	2	2	1	1	1	22	23	21	17	12
20 to 29 units	1	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
30 to 49 units	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
50 units or more	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
AIR-CONDITIONING										
United States	30	29	27	23	19	100	100	100	100	100
With air-conditioning	25	25	22	19	15	84	85	81	82	81
Without air-conditioning	5	4	5	4	4	16	15	19	18	19
Northeast	3	2	4	2	2	100	100	100	100	100
With air-conditioning	2	2	(S)	1	1	69	76	(S)	62	86
Without air-conditioning	1	1	(S)	(S)	(Z)	31	24	(S)	(S)	(S)
Midwest	7	7	7	6	5	100	100	100	100	100
With air-conditioning	6	7	6	5	4	90	93	92	82	82
Without air-conditioning	1	1	1	(Z)	1	10	7	8	(S)	18
South	12	11	8	8	6	100	100	100	100	100
With air-conditioning	12	11	8	8	6	100	99	99	99	99
Without air-conditioning	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
West	8	8	7	7	6	100	100	100	100	100
With air-conditioning	5	5	3	4	3	60	62	47	59	60
Without air-conditioning	3	3	4	3	2	40	38	53	41	40

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 17. Characteristics of New Multifamily Buildings by Region: 1993 to 1997—Con.

[Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Percents computed from unrounded figures]

Characteristics and region	Number of buildings (thousands)					Percent distribution				
	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993
TYPE OF HEATING FUEL										
United States	30	29	27	23	19	100	100	100	100	100
Electricity	14	13	10	9	7	46	44	38	39	37
Gas	16	16	17	14	11	54	56	61	59	60
Oil	(Z)	(S)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
Other types	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
Northeast	3	2	4	2	2	100	100	100	100	100
Electricity	1	(Z)	(S)	(Z)	(S)	17	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
Gas	2	2	(S)	2	1	83	96	(S)	84	75
Oil	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
Other types	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
Midwest	7	7	7	6	5	100	100	100	100	100
Electricity	1	2	1	1	1	18	20	16	16	21
Gas	6	6	6	5	4	81	80	84	84	79
Oil	(Z)	(S)	(Z)	(S)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
Other types	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
South	12	11	8	8	6	100	100	100	100	100
Electricity	9	8	5	6	4	76	74	61	71	68
Gas	3	3	3	2	2	24	26	26	28	32
Oil	(Z)	(S)	(Z)	(S)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
Other types	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
West	8	8	7	7	6	100	100	100	100	100
Electricity	3	3	3	2	1	37	35	38	28	23
Gas	5	5	4	5	4	62	62	57	68	71
Oil	(Z)	(S)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
Other types	(S)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
HEAT PUMP										
United States	30	29	27	23	19	100	100	100	100	100
With a heat pump	8	7	6	5	4	27	24	20	24	23
Without a heat pump	22	22	22	17	15	73	76	80	76	78
Northeast	3	2	4	2	2	100	100	100	100	100
With a heat pump	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
Without a heat pump	2	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	91	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
Midwest	7	7	7	6	5	100	100	100	100	100
With a heat pump	(Z)	(Z)	1	1	(Z)	(S)	(S)	8	10	93
Without a heat pump	7	7	6	5	5	94	96	92	91	93
South	12	11	8	8	6	100	100	100	100	100
With a heat pump	6	6	3	4	3	52	49	40	44	45
Without a heat pump	6	6	5	5	3	48	51	60	56	56
West	8	8	7	7	6	100	100	100	100	100
With a heat pump	1	1	1	1	1	16	14	10	17	11
Without a heat pump	7	7	6	6	5	84	86	90	83	89

S Withheld because estimate did not meet publication standards on the basis of response rate, associated standard error, or a consistency review. Z Fewer than 500 buildings or less than 0.5 percent.

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CHARACTERISTICS OF NEW HOUSING

Table 18. Characteristics of Units in Multifamily Buildings by Region: 1993 to 1997

[Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Percents computed from unrounded figures]

Characteristics and region	Number of units (thousands)					Percent distribution				
	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993
United States	284	284	247	187	153	100	100	100	100	100
Northeast	19	17	19	11	12	7	6	8	6	8
Midwest	59	60	56	52	42	21	21	23	28	27
South	129	130	109	74	56	45	46	44	39	37
West	77	77	63	50	43	27	27	26	27	28
NUMBER OF FLOORS PER BUILDING										
United States	284	284	247	187	153	100	100	100	100	100
1 to 3 floors	259	267	228	173	138	91	94	92	93	90
4 floors or more	25	17	19	14	16	9	6	8	8	10
Northeast	19	17	19	11	12	100	100	100	100	100
1 to 3 floors	16	(S)	12	10	10	86	(S)	64	96	78
4 floors or more	3	(S)	7	(Z)	3	15	(S)	36	(S)	22
Midwest	59	60	56	52	42	100	100	100	100	100
1 to 3 floors	58	58	55	51	40	98	96	98	98	97
4 floors or more	1	2	1	1	1	2	4	2	3	3
South	129	130	109	74	56	100	100	100	100	100
1 to 3 floors	114	120	101	67	51	88	92	93	91	91
4 floors or more	15	10	8	7	5	12	8	7	9	10
West	77	77	63	50	43	100	100	100	100	100
1 to 3 floors	71	74	60	45	37	92	95	94	89	85
4 floors or more	6	4	4	5	6	8	5	6	11	15
NUMBER OF UNITS PER BUILDING										
United States	284	284	247	187	153	100	100	100	100	100
2 to 4 units	37	33	35	32	26	13	12	14	17	17
5 to 9 units	54	51	46	42	38	19	18	19	23	25
10 to 19 units	86	88	69	49	37	30	31	28	26	24
20 to 29 units	57	58	54	28	23	20	20	22	15	15
30 to 49 units	22	29	24	21	14	8	10	10	11	9
50 units or more	28	26	19	14	16	10	9	8	8	10
Northeast	19	17	19	11	12	100	100	100	100	100
2 to 4 units	4	3	(S)	3	3	21	19	(S)	30	22
5 to 9 units	2	3	2	3	2	12	17	9	27	16
10 to 19 units	7	4	3	2	(S)	35	26	18	23	(S)
20 to 29 units	2	2	3	(S)	(S)	12	13	15	(S)	(S)
30 to 49 units	(Z)	3	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	18	(S)	(S)	(S)
50 units or more	4	1	7	1	2	19	8	38	10	19
Midwest	59	60	56	52	42	100	100	100	100	100
2 to 4 units	13	11	11	10	9	22	19	20	19	20
5 to 9 units	7	8	10	6	8	12	14	18	12	19
10 to 19 units	18	16	14	10	10	31	27	25	19	23
20 to 29 units	7	6	11	9	6	12	10	19	18	14
30 to 49 units	9	9	7	12	6	15	16	13	23	15
50 units or more	5	9	3	5	4	8	14	5	10	8
South	129	130	109	74	56	100	100	100	100	100
2 to 4 units	11	10	10	10	7	9	7	9	14	13
5 to 9 units	25	19	17	17	13	19	14	16	23	23
10 to 19 units	37	41	31	22	16	29	32	29	28	28
20 to 29 units	35	40	32	14	11	27	31	30	19	20
30 to 49 units	10	10	11	7	5	8	7	10	9	9
50 units or more	11	10	6	4	4	9	8	6	5	8
West	77	77	63	50	43	100	100	100	100	100
2 to 4 units	8	9	10	9	8	10	11	15	17	18
5 to 9 units	19	20	17	16	15	25	26	27	32	35
10 to 19 units	24	26	20	15	9	31	33	32	31	20
20 to 29 units	13	10	9	4	3	17	13	14	8	8
30 to 49 units	4	7	4	2	2	5	9	7	4	5
50 units or more	9	5	3	4	6	12	7	5	8	13
AIR-CONDITIONING										
United States	284	284	247	187	153	100	100	100	100	100
With air-conditioning	253	252	212	162	126	89	89	86	87	82
Without air-conditioning	32	32	35	25	28	11	11	14	13	18
Northeast	19	17	19	11	12	100	100	100	100	100
With air-conditioning	16	16	(S)	8	11	85	90	80	80	93
Without air-conditioning	3	2	(S)	2	1	15	10	(S)	20	7
Midwest	59	60	56	52	42	100	100	100	100	100
With air-conditioning	56	57	52	50	32	95	95	94	95	77
Without air-conditioning	3	3	4	2	9	5	5	6	5	23
South	129	130	109	74	56	100	100	100	100	100
With air-conditioning	128	129	108	73	56	100	99	99	99	99
Without air-conditioning	(Z)	1	1	1	(Z)	(S)	1	1	1	(S)
West	77	77	63	50	43	100	100	100	100	100
With air-conditioning	52	51	36	31	26	68	66	56	61	61
Without air-conditioning	25	26	28	20	17	33	34	44	39	39

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Table 18. Characteristics of Units in Multifamily Buildings by Region: 1993 to 1997—Con.

[Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Percents computed from unrounded figures]

Characteristics and region	Number of units (thousands)					Percent distribution				
	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993
TYPE OF HEATING FUEL										
United States	284	284	247	187	153	100	100	100	100	100
Electricity	155	147	126	86	70	54	52	51	46	45
Gas	128	135	117	97	80	45	48	47	52	52
Oil	(Z)	(Z)	1	(S)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	1	(S)	(S)
Other types	(Z)	2	3	3	4	(S)	1	1	2	2
Northeast	19	17	19	11	12	100	100	100	100	100
Electricity	(S)	2	5	1	4	(S)	9	26	13	30
Gas	13	15	13	9	9	72	89	68	81	70
Oil	(Z)	(Z)	1	(S)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	6	(S)	(S)
Other types	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
Midwest	59	60	56	52	42	100	100	100	100	100
Electricity	13	11	12	11	12	22	19	22	21	29
Gas	46	48	44	41	30	78	81	78	79	72
Oil	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
Other types	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
South	129	130	109	74	56	100	100	100	100	100
Electricity	102	103	79	55	40	80	79	73	75	71
Gas	26	27	29	18	16	21	21	27	25	28
Oil	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	1
Other types	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	1	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
West	77	77	63	50	43	100	100	100	100	100
Electricity	34	31	29	19	14	44	40	46	37	33
Gas	42	45	31	29	26	55	58	49	58	60
Oil	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	6
Other types	1	2	3	3	3	1	2	5	6	7
HEAT PUMP										
United States	284	284	247	187	153	100	100	100	100	100
With a heat pump	85	83	66	48	40	30	29	27	26	26
Without a heat pump	199	202	181	139	113	70	71	73	74	74
Northeast	19	17	19	11	12	100	100	100	100	100
With a heat pump	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
Without a heat pump	16	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	84	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
Midwest	59	60	56	52	42	100	100	100	100	100
With a heat pump	3	2	5	3	3	6	3	9	6	7
Without a heat pump	56	58	51	49	39	94	97	92	94	93
South	129	130	109	74	56	100	100	100	100	100
With a heat pump	63	66	47	31	26	49	51	43	42	46
Without a heat pump	65	64	62	42	31	51	49	57	58	54
West	77	77	63	50	43	100	100	100	100	100
With a heat pump	15	13	10	12	7	20	17	16	23	16
Without a heat pump	62	64	53	39	36	81	83	84	77	84
BEDROOMS PER UNIT										
United States	284	284	247	187	153	100	100	100	100	100
Efficiencies	6	4	5	4	4	2	2	2	2	3
1 bedroom	76	76	65	51	37	27	27	26	27	24
2 bedrooms	155	157	138	104	87	55	55	56	56	57
3 bedrooms or more	46	47	40	29	26	16	17	16	15	17
Northeast	19	17	19	11	12	100	100	100	100	100
Efficiencies	2	1	1	(S)	1	10	3	5	(S)	8
1 bedroom	4	5	8	2	4	22	31	40	18	32
2 bedrooms	8	9	8	6	6	42	53	44	57	48
3 bedrooms or more	5	2	(S)	(S)	2	26	13	(S)	(S)	13
Midwest	59	60	56	52	42	100	100	100	100	100
Efficiencies	(Z)	(Z)	1	(S)	1	(S)	(S)	3	(S)	3
1 bedroom	13	12	10	15	9	22	19	19	29	22
2 bedrooms	37	37	35	31	25	62	62	62	60	59
3 bedrooms or more	10	11	9	5	6	16	18	16	10	15
South	129	130	109	74	56	100	100	100	100	100
Efficiencies	1	(S)	1	(S)	(Z)	1	(S)	1	(S)	(S)
1 bedroom	39	37	33	22	14	30	29	30	30	26
2 bedrooms	70	69	59	39	32	55	53	54	54	57
3 bedrooms or more	18	21	16	12	10	14	16	15	16	18
West	77	77	63	50	43	100	100	100	100	100
Efficiencies	3	1	1	2	1	4	1	2	4	3
1 bedroom	21	21	14	12	9	27	27	23	24	22
2 bedrooms	40	42	36	27	24	52	54	57	54	56
3 bedrooms or more	14	14	12	10	8	18	18	19	19	19
BATHROOMS PER UNIT										
United States	284	284	247	187	153	100	100	100	100	100
1 bathroom	120	115	106	89	73	42	40	43	48	48
1 1/2 bathrooms	25	24	20	15	10	9	9	8	7	7
2 bathrooms or more	139	145	121	82	69	49	51	49	44	45
Northeast	19	17	19	11	12	100	100	100	100	100
1 bathroom	9	8	11	6	7	46	47	57	54	57
1 1/2 bathrooms	1	2	1	1	2	8	11	4	13	17
2 bathrooms or more	9	7	7	3	3	46	42	39	33	26
Midwest	59	60	56	52	42	100	100	100	100	100
1 bathroom	29	29	26	31	25	49	48	46	61	60
1 1/2 bathrooms	10	10	8	6	3	17	17	14	12	6
2 bathrooms or more	20	21	22	14	14	34	35	40	28	34
South	129	130	109	74	56	100	100	100	100	100
1 bathroom	49	50	43	32	23	38	39	40	44	41
1 1/2 bathrooms	10	8	10	4	4	8	6	9	6	7
2 bathrooms or more	69	72	55	37	29	54	55	51	50	52

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 18. Characteristics of Units in Multifamily Buildings by Region: 1993 to 1997—Con.

[Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Percents computed from unrounded figures]

Characteristics and region	Number of units (thousands)					Percent distribution				
	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993
BATHROOMS PER UNIT—Con.										
West.....	77	77	63	50	43	100	100	100	100	100
1 bathroom	33	28	26	20	19	43	36	41	39	43
1 1/2 bathrooms	3	4	2	3	2	4	6	3	5	4
2 bathrooms or more	41	45	36	28	23	53	59	56	56	53
AVERAGE SQUARE FEET PER UNIT/PER BUILDING¹										
United States.....	284	284	247	187	153	100	100	100	100	100
Less than 600 square feet	14	15	10	8	8	5	5	4	4	5
600 to 799 square feet	36	27	33	31	26	13	10	13	17	17
800 to 999 square feet	69	85	65	50	41	24	30	26	27	27
1,000 to 1,199 square feet	90	84	73	57	36	32	30	30	31	24
1,200 square feet or more	76	73	66	41	42	27	26	27	22	28
Northeast.....	19	17	19	11	12	100	100	100	100	100
Less than 600 square feet	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
600 to 799 square feet	3	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	14	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
800 to 999 square feet	2	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	11	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
1,000 to 1,199 square feet	7	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	39	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
1,200 square feet or more	6	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	30	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
Midwest.....	59	60	56	52	42	100	100	100	100	100
Less than 600 square feet	4	2	2	2	2	7	3	4	4	6
600 to 799 square feet	6	5	4	5	9	10	8	7	10	21
800 to 999 square feet	12	19	14	17	11	20	32	26	32	26
1,000 to 1,199 square feet	21	18	19	19	10	36	31	35	36	25
1,200 square feet or more	16	16	16	9	9	27	26	28	18	22
South.....	129	130	109	74	56	100	100	100	100	100
Less than 600 square feet	6	6	5	3	4	5	5	4	4	7
600 to 799 square feet	17	14	15	15	9	14	10	14	20	16
800 to 999 square feet	32	40	26	17	12	25	30	24	23	21
1,000 to 1,199 square feet	38	43	33	21	12	30	33	30	29	22
1,200 square feet or more	35	28	29	18	20	27	22	27	25	35
West.....	77	77	63	50	43	100	100	100	100	100
Less than 600 square feet	2	3	1	3	2	3	3	2	6	4
600 to 799 square feet	10	8	11	10	6	13	10	17	19	14
800 to 999 square feet	23	26	18	12	15	30	34	28	25	36
1,000 to 1,199 square feet	23	19	18	15	11	29	25	28	29	25
1,200 square feet or more	19	22	16	11	9	25	28	25	21	21
AVERAGE AND MEDIAN SQUARE FEET OF FLOOR AREA²										
United States										
Average	1 095	1 070	1 080	1 035	1 065	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Median	1 050	1 030	1 040	1 015	1 005	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Northeast										
Average	1 160	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Median	1 090	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Midwest										
Average	1 110	1 065	1 085	1 025	1 025	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Median	1 070	1 030	1 075	1 020	980	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
South										
Average	1 095	1 065	1 045	1 060	1 090	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Median	1 050	1 025	1 045	1 025	1 065	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
West										
Average	1 060	1 085	1 095	1 015	1 045	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Median	1 025	1 020	1 015	995	975	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)

S Withheld because estimate did not meet publication standards on the basis of response rate, associated standard error, or a consistency review. X Not applicable. Z Fewer than 500 units or less than 0.5 percent.

¹All units in building are included in one size category based on average number of square feet per housing unit. The average was calculated using total square feet of all floors based on exterior dimensions divided by number of housing units in the building. Hallways, lobbies, and elevator shafts were included in the total floor area; unfinished basements, common laundry rooms, etc., were excluded.

Figure 6.
Comparison of Completed Units With Selected Characteristics: 1993 to 1997

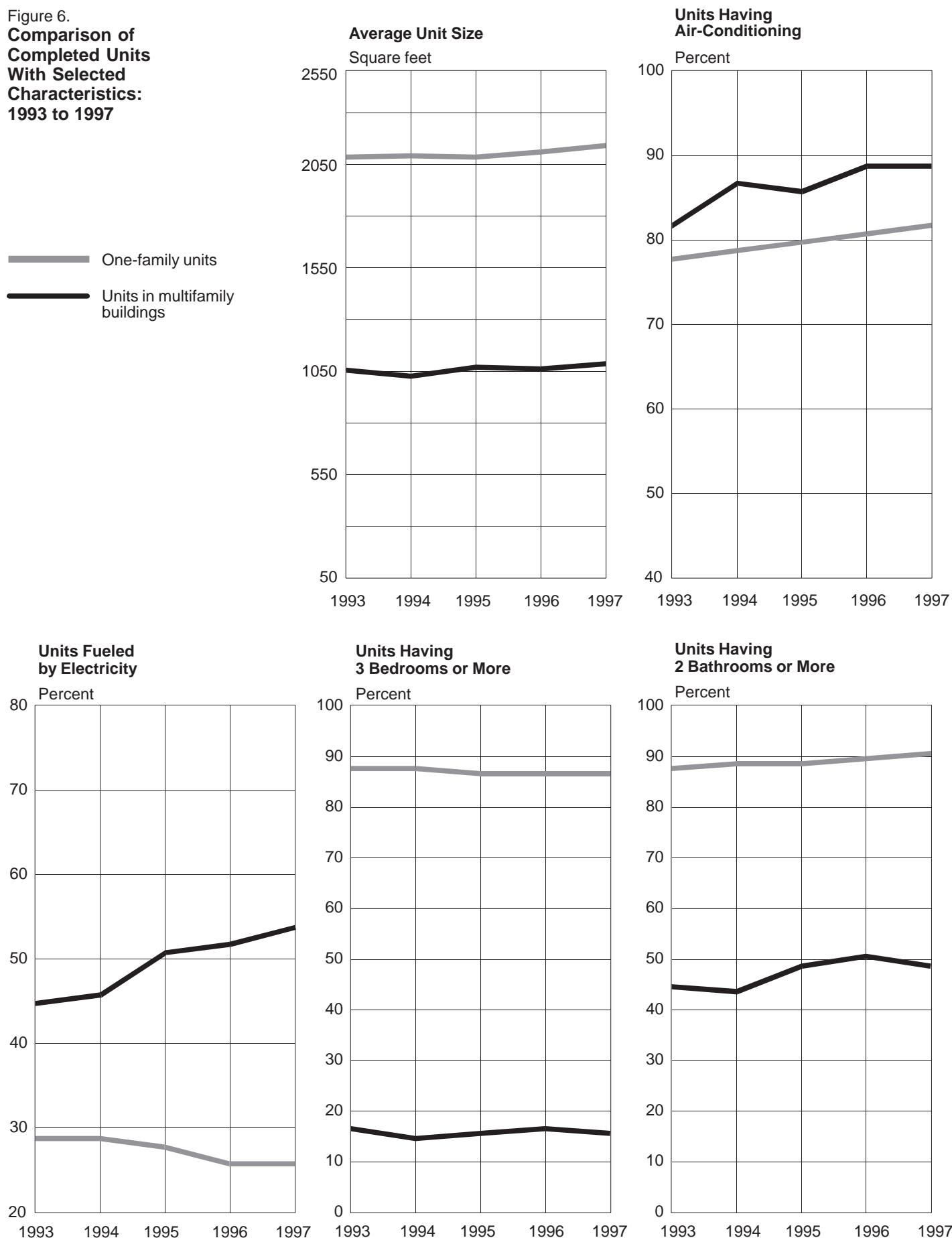


Table 19. Sales Price of Houses by Location and Type of Financing: 1993 to 1997

[Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Percents computed from unrounded figures]

Sales price, location, and type of financing	Number of houses (thousands)					Percent distribution				
	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993
United States	804	757	667	670	666	100	100	100	100	100
Under \$70,000	22	26	26	37	45	3	3	4	6	7
\$70,000 to \$79,999	28	33	32	35	41	4	4	5	5	6
\$80,000 to \$99,999	93	104	101	108	115	12	14	15	16	17
\$100,000 to \$119,999	103	101	99	93	95	13	13	15	14	14
\$120,000 to \$149,999	173	159	144	140	133	21	21	22	21	20
\$150,000 to \$199,999	177	160	127	129	122	22	21	19	19	18
\$200,000 to \$249,999	83	79	63	55	53	10	10	9	8	8
\$250,000 to \$299,999	46	40	29	28	28	6	5	4	4	4
\$300,000 and over	78	56	46	44	38	10	7	7	7	6
Average sales price	176 200	166 400	158 700	154 500	147 700	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Median sales price	146 000	140 000	133 900	130 000	126 500	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Inside MSAs	734	691	608	610	607	100	100	100	100	100
Under \$70,000	17	21	20	28	32	2	3	3	5	5
\$70,000 to \$79,999	24	29	27	29	35	3	4	4	5	6
\$80,000 to \$99,999	78	90	84	93	104	11	13	14	15	17
\$100,000 to \$119,999	91	91	88	83	86	12	13	15	14	14
\$120,000 to \$149,999	156	144	132	132	124	21	21	22	22	21
\$150,000 to \$199,999	165	148	120	121	115	22	21	20	20	19
\$200,000 to \$249,999	80	75	62	53	51	11	11	10	9	8
\$250,000 to \$299,999	44	38	28	27	27	6	5	5	4	5
\$300,000 and over	77	55	46	43	37	11	8	7	7	6
Average sales price	181 400	170 600	163 100	158 800	151 900	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Median sales price	150 000	143 700	137 000	134 000	129 400	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Outside MSAs	69	66	59	60	59	100	100	100	100	100
Under \$70,000	5	5	6	9	13	7	8	10	15	22
\$70,000 to \$79,999	4	4	5	6	7	5	6	8	10	11
\$80,000 to \$99,999	15	14	16	15	11	21	21	27	25	19
\$100,000 to \$119,999	12	10	11	10	9	18	15	19	17	15
\$120,000 to \$149,999	16	15	12	9	9	23	22	21	14	15
\$150,000 to \$199,999	12	12	7	8	7	17	18	12	13	12
\$200,000 to \$249,999	3	4	(B)	(B)	(B)	5	6	(B)	(B)	(B)
\$250,000 to \$299,999	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
\$300,000 and over	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Average sales price	128 600	129 400	114 400	113 200	109 400	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Median sales price	119 000	119 000	105 000	100 000	96 500	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Northeast	78	74	55	61	60	100	100	100	100	100
Under \$70,000	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
\$70,000 to \$79,999	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
\$80,000 to \$99,999	4	5	4	5	6	5	6	8	9	9
\$100,000 to \$119,999	4	5	4	5	6	6	7	8	8	10
\$120,000 to \$149,999	11	11	9	11	12	14	15	16	18	19
\$150,000 to \$199,999	20	18	13	17	15	26	24	23	27	25
\$200,000 to \$249,999	12	14	9	8	10	16	19	16	13	17
\$250,000 to \$299,999	8	5	4	3	3	10	7	7	6	5
\$300,000 and over	16	13	10	10	7	20	18	19	16	11
Average sales price	234 100	226 100	216 600	200 500	183 600	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Median sales price	190 000	186 000	180 000	169 000	162 600	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Midwest	140	137	125	123	123	100	100	100	100	100
Under \$70,000	(B)	(B)	(B)	4	8	(B)	(B)	(B)	4	7
\$70,000 to \$79,999	3	4	4	6	7	2	3	3	5	5
\$80,000 to \$99,999	17	21	21	18	23	12	15	17	14	18
\$100,000 to \$119,999	18	20	20	19	17	13	15	16	16	14
\$120,000 to \$149,999	30	32	27	28	27	21	23	22	23	22
\$150,000 to \$199,999	32	29	25	25	22	23	21	20	21	18
\$200,000 to \$249,999	16	14	12	10	10	12	10	10	8	8
\$250,000 to \$299,999	8	6	6	6	5	6	5	5	5	4
\$300,000 and over	13	8	7	6	5	9	6	6	5	5
Average sales price	173 000	158 900	157 200	152 700	143 100	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Median sales price	149 900	138 000	134 000	132 900	125 000	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
South	363	337	300	295	295	100	100	100	100	100
Under \$70,000	19	21	21	30	33	5	6	7	10	11
\$70,000 to \$79,999	21	24	22	22	25	6	7	7	9	9
\$80,000 to \$99,999	60	63	54	61	59	17	19	18	21	20
\$100,000 to \$119,999	54	45	44	40	40	15	13	15	13	14
\$120,000 to \$149,999	76	69	63	54	51	21	20	21	18	17
\$150,000 to \$199,999	69	61	49	46	47	19	18	16	16	16
\$200,000 to \$249,999	29	27	24	19	18	8	8	8	6	6
\$250,000 to \$299,999	15	13	10	10	10	4	4	3	4	4
\$300,000 and over	20	14	13	13	12	5	4	4	4	4
Average sales price	151 400	144 200	136 800	136 800	133 600	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Median sales price	129 600	126 200	124 500	116 900	115 000	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
West	223	209	187	191	188	100	100	100	100	100
Under \$70,000	(B)	(B)	3	3	4	(B)	(B)	1	1	2
\$70,000 to \$79,999	3	4	5	5	8	1	2	3	3	4
\$80,000 to \$99,999	12	16	21	23	27	5	7	11	12	15
\$100,000 to \$119,999	26	30	32	30	31	12	15	17	15	16
\$120,000 to \$149,999	56	47	44	47	44	25	23	24	25	23
\$150,000 to \$199,999	55	51	40	41	38	25	24	22	21	20
\$200,000 to \$249,999	26	23	17	19	15	11	11	9	10	8
\$250,000 to \$299,999	15	15	9	8	9	7	7	5	4	5
\$300,000 and over	30	21	16	15	14	13	10	8	8	7
Average sales price	198 200	186 200	168 900	168 900	161 900	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Median sales price	160 000	153 900	141 000	140 400	135 000	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 19. Sales Price of Houses by Location and Type of Financing: 1993 to 1997—Con.

[Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Percents computed from unrounded figures]

Sales price, location, and type of financing	Number of houses (thousands)					Percent distribution				
	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993
FHA-insured	90	89	79	78	92	100	100	100	100	100
Under \$70,000	5	5	6	7	12	5	5	7	9	13
\$70,000 to \$79,999	8	9	10	11	14	9	10	13	14	15
\$80,000 to \$99,999	27	32	28	28	33	30	36	36	35	36
\$100,000 to \$119,999	22	20	19	17	17	25	23	24	22	18
\$120,000 to \$149,999	21	16	13	13	13	24	19	16	17	15
\$150,000 to \$199,999	6	6	3	(B)	3	7	7	3	(B)	3
\$200,000 to \$249,999	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
\$250,000 to \$299,999	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
\$300,000 and over	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Average sales price	108 000	105 700	100 700	101 000	95 500	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Median sales price	106 000	99 900	95 900	95 000	90 900	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
VA-guaranteed	47	51	50	51	55	100	100	100	100	100
Under \$70,000	4	6	4	5	6	9	11	7	10	11
\$70,000 to \$79,999	5	7	5	7	6	10	13	10	13	11
\$80,000 to \$99,999	8	10	13	12	15	17	20	26	23	27
\$100,000 to \$119,999	8	9	9	8	10	18	18	17	16	17
\$120,000 to \$149,999	13	11	12	12	11	27	21	23	23	19
\$150,000 to \$199,999	8	8	7	7	8	17	16	13	15	14
\$200,000 to \$249,999	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
\$250,000 to \$299,999	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
\$300,000 and over	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Average sales price	117 500	112 600	112 800	111 400	108 600	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Median sales price	116 000	108 000	107 000	105 400	100 900	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Conventional¹	616	570	490	490	476	100	100	100	100	100
Under \$70,000	11	11	11	15	19	2	2	2	3	4
\$70,000 to \$79,999	13	15	13	15	18	2	3	3	3	4
\$80,000 to \$99,999	53	56	51	61	60	9	10	10	12	13
\$100,000 to \$119,999	65	65	63	61	63	11	11	13	13	13
\$120,000 to \$149,999	125	121	111	108	102	20	21	23	22	21
\$150,000 to \$199,999	153	137	110	111	106	25	24	22	23	22
\$200,000 to \$249,999	77	74	60	52	50	13	13	12	11	10
\$250,000 to \$299,999	44	38	28	27	26	7	7	6	5	6
\$300,000 and over	74	54	42	39	33	12	10	9	8	7
Average sales price	191 700	182 100	173 800	169 100	162 700	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Median sales price	160 800	155 000	148 500	145 000	140 000	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Rural Housing Service	6	9	9	9	6	100	100	100	100	100
Under \$70,000	(B)	3	4	8	5	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
\$70,000 to \$79,999	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
\$80,000 to \$99,999	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
\$100,000 to \$119,999	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
\$120,000 to \$149,999	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
\$150,000 to \$199,999	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
\$200,000 to \$249,999	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
\$250,000 to \$299,999	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
\$300,000 and over	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Average sales price	88 600	84 100	75 700	59 700	58 600	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Median sales price	84 900	76 800	71 000	54 500	49 900	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Cash	46	38	39	41	37	100	100	100	100	100
Under \$70,000	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
\$70,000 to \$79,999	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
\$80,000 to \$99,999	3	4	7	8	7	7	11	17	19	19
\$100,000 to \$119,999	6	6	8	7	5	13	16	19	16	14
\$120,000 to \$149,999	14	10	8	7	7	29	26	21	18	20
\$150,000 to \$199,999	10	8	8	9	6	22	21	20	21	16
\$200,000 to \$249,999	4	4	(B)	3	(B)	8	11	(B)	7	(B)
\$250,000 to \$299,999	3	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	6	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
\$300,000 and over	4	3	3	3	3	8	7	7	7	7
Average sales price	176 700	169 600	154 900	153 000	148 700	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Median sales price	143 900	140 000	127 000	125 500	120 700	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)

B Withheld because estimate did not meet publication standards on the basis of sample size. X Not applicable.

¹Includes other types of financing (not shown separately).

Table 20. Closing Costs Included in Sales Price of Houses by Location and Type of Financing: 1993 to 1997

[Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Percents computed from unrounded figures]

Closing costs, location, and type of financing	Number of houses (thousands)					Percent distribution				
	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993
United States	804	757	667	670	666	100	100	100	100	100
Included	192	175	153	149	151	24	23	23	22	23
Not included	612	582	514	521	516	76	77	77	78	77
Inside MSAs	734	691	608	610	607	100	100	100	100	100
Included	168	152	138	132	133	23	22	23	22	22
Not included	566	539	470	477	474	77	78	77	78	78
Outside MSAs	69	66	59	60	59	100	100	100	100	100
Included	24	23	15	17	18	35	35	26	28	31
Not included	45	43	44	44	41	65	65	74	72	69
Northeast	78	74	55	61	60	100	100	100	100	100
Included	5	5	3	4	(S)	6	7	5	7	(S)
Not included	73	69	52	57	(S)	94	93	95	93	(S)
Midwest	140	137	125	123	123	100	100	100	100	100
Included	29	31	27	19	18	21	23	22	15	14
Not included	110	106	98	104	105	79	77	78	85	86
South	363	337	300	295	295	100	100	100	100	100
Included	131	113	99	98	101	36	34	33	33	34
Not included	233	224	201	198	194	64	66	67	67	66
West	223	209	187	191	188	100	100	100	100	100
Included	28	26	24	28	25	13	12	13	15	13
Not included	195	183	163	163	163	87	88	87	85	87
FHA insured	90	89	79	78	92	100	100	100	100	100
Included	26	24	20	21	28	29	27	26	27	31
Not included	64	65	58	57	64	71	73	74	73	69
VA guaranteed	47	51	50	51	55	100	100	100	100	100
Included	16	17	17	18	18	34	33	34	35	33
Not included	31	35	33	33	37	66	67	66	65	67
Conventional¹	616	570	490	490	476	100	100	100	100	100
Included	138	121	104	98	91	22	21	21	20	19
Not included	478	449	387	392	385	78	79	79	80	81
Rural Housing Service	6	9	9	9	6	100	100	100	100	100
Included	3	4	4	3	(B)	51	45	44	34	(B)
Not included	3	5	5	6	4	49	55	56	66	69
Cash	46	38	39	41	37	100	100	100	100	100
Included	9	9	8	7	10	21	25	21	18	26
Not included	36	29	31	34	27	79	75	79	82	74

B Withheld because estimate did not meet publication standards on the basis of sample size.

¹Includes other types of financing (not shown separately).

Table 21. Price Per Square Foot of Floor Area by Location: 1993 to 1997

[Price per square foot of floor area excludes value of improved lot. Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Percents computed from unrounded figures]

Price per square foot and location	Number of houses (thousands)					Percent distribution				
	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993
United States	804	757	667	670	666	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Houses sold reporting sales price per square foot	646	527	433	464	480	100	100	100	100	100
With price per square foot:										
Under \$35.00	17	16	12	19	29	3	3	3	4	6
\$35.00 to \$39.99	26	22	21	35	40	4	4	5	7	8
\$40.00 to \$44.99	46	47	45	46	63	7	9	10	10	13
\$45.00 to \$49.99	70	57	56	63	67	11	11	13	14	14
\$50.00 to \$54.99	78	66	60	64	65	12	13	14	14	13
\$55.00 to \$59.99	82	66	57	62	63	13	12	13	13	13
\$60.00 to \$64.99	72	61	48	49	48	11	12	11	10	10
\$65.00 to \$69.99	64	53	42	39	33	10	10	10	8	7
\$70.00 to \$74.99	52	43	26	27	23	8	8	6	6	5
\$75.00 and over	140	96	67	62	52	22	18	15	13	11
Average price per square foot	64.70	62.75	60.55	58.65	55.95	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Median price per square foot	60.25	59.25	56.85	55.40	53.20	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Inside MSAs	734	691	608	610	607	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Houses sold reporting sales price per square foot	589	474	389	417	434	100	100	100	100	100
With price per square foot:										
Under \$35.00	13	13	10	17	25	2	3	2	4	6
\$35.00 to \$39.99	23	20	19	31	36	4	4	5	7	8
\$40.00 to \$44.99	43	43	42	42	57	7	9	11	10	13
\$45.00 to \$49.99	65	52	51	57	61	11	11	13	14	14
\$50.00 to \$54.99	72	61	53	57	58	12	13	14	14	13
\$55.00 to \$59.99	73	59	48	54	57	12	12	12	13	13
\$60.00 to \$64.99	64	54	43	43	42	11	11	11	10	10
\$65.00 to \$69.99	57	46	37	35	30	10	10	10	8	7
\$70.00 to \$74.99	47	39	23	25	21	8	8	6	6	5
\$75.00 and over	132	88	62	56	48	22	19	16	13	11
Average price per square foot	65.15	62.95	60.80	58.80	56.15	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Median price per square foot	60.40	59.20	56.80	55.40	53.20	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Outside MSAs	69	66	59	60	59	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Houses sold reporting sales price per square foot	57	53	45	47	46	100	100	100	100	100
With price per square foot:										
Under \$35.00	3	3	2	2	4	6	5	4	4	9
\$35.00 to \$39.99	2	2	1	4	4	4	4	3	8	9
\$40.00 to \$44.99	3	3	3	4	6	5	6	7	9	12
\$45.00 to \$49.99	5	6	5	6	6	9	11	11	13	13
\$50.00 to \$54.99	6	6	7	7	7	10	11	16	15	14
\$55.00 to \$59.99	9	7	8	8	6	16	14	19	16	13
\$60.00 to \$64.99	8	8	5	5	6	14	14	12	11	12
\$65.00 to \$69.99	7	7	4	4	3	13	13	9	8	6
\$70.00 to \$74.99	5	4	3	3	2	9	8	8	5	4
\$75.00 and over	8	8	5	5	4	14	15	11	11	8
Average price per square foot	59.35	60.65	58.25	56.55	53.80	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Median price per square foot	59.95	60.00	57.25	55.45	53.00	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Northeast	78	74	55	61	60	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Houses sold reporting sales price per square foot	57	44	25	28	24	100	100	100	100	100
With price per square foot:										
Under \$35.00	1	1	(Z)	(Z)	1	2	2	(S)	(S)	3
\$35.00 to \$39.99	1	1	(Z)	(Z)	1	1	1	(S)	(S)	2
\$40.00 to \$44.99	2	2	1	1	2	3	4	3	4	6
\$45.00 to \$49.99	3	3	1	2	2	5	7	6	9	9
\$50.00 to \$54.99	5	4	3	4	3	9	10	13	13	13
\$55.00 to \$59.99	7	6	4	4	4	12	14	17	15	17
\$60.00 to \$64.99	7	5	4	4	3	11	11	15	13	14
\$65.00 to \$69.99	7	6	3	3	2	12	13	12	12	9
\$70.00 to \$74.99	5	4	3	2	2	9	10	10	8	8
\$75.00 and over	20	12	6	6	5	36	28	23	22	20
Average price per square foot	75.70	71.65	69.45	67.00	62.55	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Median price per square foot	67.65	65.20	63.60	62.45	60.20	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Midwest	140	137	125	123	123	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Houses sold reporting sales price per square foot	112	105	95	95	95	100	100	100	100	100
With price per square foot:										
Under \$35.00	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	2	2	3
\$35.00 to \$39.99	2	2	2	3	4	2	2	3	3	4
\$40.00 to \$44.99	3	4	4	4	6	2	4	5	4	7
\$45.00 to \$49.99	6	6	6	8	10	6	6	7	9	11
\$50.00 to \$54.99	9	10	10	13	15	8	9	10	13	16
\$55.00 to \$59.99	12	12	13	14	16	11	12	13	15	17
\$60.00 to \$64.99	16	17	14	14	13	14	16	14	14	13
\$65.00 to \$69.99	17	14	13	11	10	15	13	14	11	10
\$70.00 to \$74.99	14	12	9	9	5	13	11	9	9	6
\$75.00 and over	31	26	22	18	13	27	25	24	19	14
Average price per square foot	67.55	65.85	65.55	63.10	59.95	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Median price per square foot	66.75	64.80	63.75	61.40	57.80	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 21. Price Per Square Foot of Floor Area by Location: 1993 to 1997—Con.

[Price per square foot of floor area excludes value of improved lot. Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Percents computed from unrounded figures]

Price per square foot and location	Number of houses (thousands)					Percent distribution				
	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993
South	363	337	300	295	295	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Houses sold reporting sales price per square foot	290	236	198	209	219	100	100	100	100	100
With price per square foot:										
Under \$35.00	12	12	8	15	23	4	5	4	7	11
\$35.00 to \$39.99	20	17	15	27	31	7	7	8	13	14
\$40.00 to \$44.99	34	34	34	34	43	12	15	17	16	20
\$45.00 to \$49.99	48	36	37	36	35	16	15	18	17	16
\$50.00 to \$54.99	42	35	32	29	27	14	15	16	14	12
\$55.00 to \$59.99	41	30	25	24	20	14	13	13	11	9
\$60.00 to \$64.99	28	23	15	14	15	10	10	8	7	7
\$65.00 to \$69.99	22	19	13	10	9	7	8	6	5	4
\$70.00 to \$74.99	17	12	7	7	6	6	5	3	3	3
\$75.00 and over	28	18	13	12	10	10	8	6	6	5
Average price per square foot	56.65	55.20	53.75	52.00	49.85	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Median price per square foot	53.75	52.50	50.90	48.80	46.60	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
West	223	209	187	191	188	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Houses sold reporting sales price per square foot	187	142	115	132	143	100	100	100	100	100
With price per square foot:										
Under \$35.00	2	1	2	1	3	1	1	1	1	2
\$35.00 to \$39.99	3	2	3	4	5	2	2	3	3	3
\$40.00 to \$44.99	7	6	7	7	11	4	4	6	5	8
\$45.00 to \$49.99	13	12	12	17	20	7	9	10	13	14
\$50.00 to \$54.99	22	18	16	19	19	12	13	13	14	13
\$55.00 to \$59.99	23	17	14	19	23	12	12	12	15	16
\$60.00 to \$64.99	22	16	15	17	17	12	11	13	13	12
\$65.00 to \$69.99	18	15	13	15	12	10	10	11	11	9
\$70.00 to \$74.99	15	15	8	9	9	8	10	7	7	6
\$75.00 and over	61	39	26	25	24	33	28	23	19	16
Average price per square foot	72.25	70.45	66.80	64.65	62.25	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Median price per square foot	65.40	63.95	61.35	59.75	57.80	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)

S Withheld because estimate did not meet publication standards on the basis of response rate, associated standard error, or a consistency review. X Not applicable. Z Fewer than 500 units or less than 0.5 percent.

Note: The nonresponse rate for these data is very high, and it is not reported uniformly by sales price or region.

Table 22. Square Feet of Floor Area by Location: 1993 to 1997

[Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Percents computed from unrounded figures]

Square feet of floor area and location	Number of houses (thousands)					Percent distribution				
	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993
United States	804	757	667	670	666	100	100	100	100	100
Under 1,200 square feet	50	51	50	52	50	6	7	7	8	7
1,200 to 1,599 square feet	175	174	156	154	151	22	23	23	23	23
1,600 to 1,999 square feet	190	179	163	166	162	24	24	24	25	24
2,000 to 2,399 square feet	150	140	121	122	121	19	19	18	18	18
2,400 to 2,999 square feet	132	121	104	103	109	16	16	16	15	16
3,000 square feet or more	107	91	73	72	74	13	12	11	11	11
Average square feet	2 140	2 090	2 050	2 050	2 060	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Median square feet	1 960	1 940	1 880	1 900	1 900	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Inside MSAs	734	691	608	610	607	100	100	100	100	100
Under 1,200 square feet	42	43	42	42	39	6	6	7	7	6
1,200 to 1,599 square feet	150	151	133	132	131	20	22	22	22	22
1,600 to 1,999 square feet	172	162	147	152	148	24	23	24	25	24
2,000 to 2,399 square feet	140	129	115	114	114	19	19	19	19	19
2,400 to 2,999 square feet	127	116	100	99	104	17	17	17	16	17
3,000 square feet or more	104	89	71	71	72	14	13	12	12	12
Average square feet	2 170	2 120	2 090	2 090	2 100	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Median square feet	2 000	1 970	1 940	1 940	1 950	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Outside MSAs	69	66	59	60	59	100	100	100	100	100
Under 1,200 square feet	8	8	8	10	11	12	12	14	17	19
1,200 to 1,599 square feet	25	23	23	22	20	36	35	38	37	34
1,600 to 1,999 square feet	18	17	16	14	14	26	26	28	23	23
2,000 to 2,399 square feet	10	11	6	8	7	14	17	11	13	12
2,400 to 2,999 square feet	5	5	4	4	5	8	7	6	7	9
3,000 square feet or more	3	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	5	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Average square feet	1 760	1 740	1 650	1 660	1 670	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Median square feet	1 620	1 620	1 570	1 530	1 550	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Northeast	78	74	55	61	60	100	100	100	100	100
Under 1,200 square feet	4	4	5	5	6	5	5	9	8	10
1,200 to 1,599 square feet	12	12	10	10	11	16	16	18	17	19
1,600 to 1,999 square feet	18	17	11	15	13	23	23	20	24	21
2,000 to 2,399 square feet	18	15	11	11	12	24	20	20	19	21
2,400 to 2,999 square feet	13	15	10	10	10	17	20	19	17	17
3,000 square feet or more	12	13	8	10	8	16	17	15	16	13
Average square feet	2 280	2 290	2 190	2 210	2 120	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Median square feet	2 120	2 100	2 080	2 020	2 000	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Midwest	140	137	125	123	123	100	100	100	100	100
Under 1,200 square feet	11	13	13	13	13	8	9	10	10	11
1,200 to 1,599 square feet	34	36	32	31	32	24	26	26	26	26
1,600 to 1,999 square feet	31	30	29	27	27	22	22	23	22	22
2,000 to 2,399 square feet	25	25	24	22	20	18	18	19	18	17
2,400 to 2,999 square feet	23	21	18	19	21	17	15	14	15	17
3,000 square feet or more	15	12	10	10	10	11	9	8	8	8
Average square feet	2 050	1 970	1 940	1 950	1 960	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Median square feet	1 890	1 830	1 800	1 800	1 800	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
South	363	337	300	295	295	100	100	100	100	100
Under 1,200 square feet	21	20	17	20	17	6	6	6	7	6
1,200 to 1,599 square feet	78	76	65	64	60	21	22	22	22	20
1,600 to 1,999 square feet	83	76	71	69	69	23	23	24	23	23
2,000 to 2,399 square feet	67	63	55	56	56	18	19	18	19	19
2,400 to 2,999 square feet	63	57	52	48	53	17	17	17	16	18
3,000 square feet or more	52	45	39	38	39	14	13	13	13	13
Average square feet	2 170	2 140	2 130	2 110	2 140	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Median square feet	2 000	1 990	1 980	1 970	2 000	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
West	223	209	187	191	188	100	100	100	100	100
Under 1,200 square feet	14	14	15	15	13	6	7	8	8	7
1,200 to 1,599 square feet	51	51	49	48	48	23	24	26	25	25
1,600 to 1,999 square feet	58	56	51	56	53	26	27	28	29	28
2,000 to 2,399 square feet	40	38	31	32	32	18	18	17	17	17
2,400 to 2,999 square feet	33	29	24	25	25	15	14	13	13	13
3,000 square feet or more	27	21	16	15	18	12	10	8	8	9
Average square feet	2 090	2 020	1 950	1 960	1 990	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Median square feet	1 900	1 860	1 790	1 810	1 810	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)

B Withheld because estimate did not meet publication standards on the basis of sample size. X Not applicable.

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CHARACTERISTICS OF NEW HOUSING

Table 23. Selected Characteristics by Sales Price: 1997

[Value of improved lot included in sales price of house. Price per square foot of floor area excludes value of improved lot. Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Averages, medians, and percents computed from unrounded figures]

Characteristic	Total	Sales price of house						Average sales price (dollars)	Median sales price (dollars)
		Under \$100,000	\$100,000 to \$149,999	\$150,000 to \$199,999	\$200,000 to \$249,999	\$250,000 to \$299,999	\$300,000 and over		
New houses sold (in thousands)	804	144	275	177	83	46	78	176 200	146 000
LOCATION									
Number of Houses (in thousands)									
Inside MSAs	734	120	247	165	80	44	77	181 400	150 000
Outside MSAs	69	24	28	12	3	(B)	(B)	128 600	119 000
Northeast	78	6	16	20	12	8	16	234 100	190 000
Midwest	140	22	48	32	16	8	13	173 000	149 900
South	363	100	130	69	29	15	20	151 400	129 600
West.....	223	16	82	55	26	15	30	198 200	160 000
Percent Distribution									
Inside MSAs	91	84	90	93	96	97	99	(X)	(X)
Outside MSAs	9	16	10	7	4	(B)	(B)	(X)	(X)
Northeast	10	4	5	11	14	16	19	(X)	(X)
Midwest	17	15	17	18	19	18	16	(X)	(X)
South	45	69	47	39	35	32	25	(X)	(X)
West.....	28	11	31	32	32	33	39	(X)	(X)
FINANCIAL CHARACTERISTICS									
Closing Costs Included in Sales Price									
Number of Houses (in thousands)									
Included.....	192	46	76	35	17	7	10	151 800	129 900
Not included	612	98	200	141	66	39	68	185 200	150 000
Percent Distribution									
Included.....	24	32	27	20	20	16	13	(X)	(X)
Not included	76	68	73	80	80	84	87	(X)	(X)
Type of Financing									
Number of Houses (in thousands)									
FHA insured	90	40	43	6	(B)	(B)	(B)	108 000	106 000
VA guaranteed.....	47	17	21	8	(B)	(B)	(B)	117 500	116 000
Conventional ¹	616	77	190	153	79	44	74	191 700	160 800
Rural Housing Service	6	4	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	88 600	84 900
Cash.....	46	6	19	10	4	3	4	176 700	143 900
Percent Distribution									
FHA insured	11	28	16	3	(B)	(B)	(B)	(X)	(X)
VA guaranteed	6	12	8	5	(B)	(B)	(B)	(X)	(X)
Conventional ¹	77	53	69	86	95	94	95	(X)	(X)
Rural Housing Service	1	3	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(X)	(X)
Cash.....	6	4	7	6	4	6	5	(X)	(X)
Price Per Square Foot of Floor Area									
Number of Houses (in thousands)									
Total reporting price per square foot									
Under \$35.00	646	114	223	144	67	37	62	177 000	146 000
\$35.00 to \$39.99	17	9	6	1	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	99 200	94 000
\$40.00 to \$44.99	26	12	11	2	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	110 300	105 000
\$45.00 to \$49.99	46	20	18	7	1	(Z)	(Z)	115 800	109 300
\$50.00 to \$54.99	70	24	29	13	4	1	1	128 600	120 000
\$55.00 to \$59.99	78	19	35	16	5	1	1	135 200	129 000
\$60.00 to \$64.99	82	13	34	24	8	2	1	148 600	139 900
\$65.00 to \$69.99	72	7	29	22	8	3	2	160 100	150 000
\$70.00 to \$74.99	64	6	22	18	10	5	3	174 400	160 000
\$75.00 and over	52	2	16	13	10	5	5	194 000	176 000
Under \$35.00	140	2	22	28	20	18	50	286 700	241 900
Percent Distribution									
Under \$35.00	3	8	3	1	(S)	(S)	(S)	(X)	(X)
\$35.00 to \$39.99	4	10	5	1	(S)	(S)	(S)	(X)	(X)
\$40.00 to \$44.99	7	17	8	5	1	(S)	(S)	(X)	(X)
\$45.00 to \$49.99	11	21	13	9	5	3	1	(X)	(X)
\$50.00 to \$54.99	12	17	16	11	8	3	1	(X)	(X)
\$55.00 to \$59.99	13	11	15	16	12	6	2	(X)	(X)
\$60.00 to \$64.99	11	6	13	15	13	9	3	(X)	(X)
\$65.00 to \$69.99	10	5	10	12	14	14	5	(X)	(X)
\$70.00 to \$74.99	8	2	7	9	15	13	8	(X)	(X)
\$75.00 and over	22	1	10	19	30	49	79	(X)	(X)

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 23. Selected Characteristics by Sales Price: 1997—Con.

[Value of improved lot included in sales price of house. Price per square foot of floor area excludes value of improved lot. Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Averages, medians, and percents computed from unrounded figures]

Characteristic	Total	Sales price of house						Average sales price (dollars)	Median sales price (dollars)			
		Under \$100,000	\$100,000 to \$149,999	\$150,000 to \$199,999	\$200,000 to \$249,999	\$250,000 to \$299,999	\$300,000 and over					
PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS												
Central Air-Conditioning												
Number of Houses (in thousands)												
Installed	675	135	231	141	66	36	65	174	142 500			
Not installed	129	9	44	36	17	10	13	188	163 000			
Percent Distribution												
Installed	84	94	84	79	80	79	84	(X)	(X)			
Not installed	16	6	16	21	20	21	16	(X)	(X)			
Number of Bathrooms												
Number of Houses (in thousands)												
1 1/2 bathrooms or less	45	22	18	4	(B)	(B)	(B)	108	100			
2 bathrooms	334	108	158	50	10	4	3	123	117 300			
2 1/2 bathrooms	294	12	82	97	49	25	29	194	174 000			
3 bathrooms or more	131	(B)	18	26	23	16	46	296	241 300			
Percent Distribution												
1 1/2 bathrooms or less	6	15	6	2	(B)	(B)	(B)	(X)	(X)			
2 bathrooms	41	76	58	28	12	9	3	(X)	(X)			
2 1/2 bathrooms	37	9	30	55	59	55	37	(X)	(X)			
3 bathrooms or more	16	(B)	6	15	28	36	60	(X)	(X)			
Number of Bedrooms												
Number of Houses (in thousands)												
2 bedrooms or less	81	26	32	14	4	3	(B)	134	100			
3 bedrooms	440	110	188	88	27	12	14	141	128 100			
4 bedrooms or more	283	8	56	75	51	31	63	242	200 000			
Percent Distribution												
2 bedrooms or less	10	18	11	8	5	6	(B)	(X)	(X)			
3 bedrooms	55	77	68	50	33	26	17	(X)	(X)			
4 bedrooms or more	35	6	20	43	62	67	80	(X)	(X)			
Principal Type of Exterior Wall Material												
Number of Houses (in thousands)												
Brick	166	41	52	33	15	10	14	167	140 000			
Wood	145	22	45	31	16	11	20	192	157 000			
Stucco	173	18	60	39	20	11	26	203	159 000			
Vinyl siding	253	53	96	58	24	9	13	154	135 500			
Aluminum siding	16	(B)	3	4	4	(B)	(B)	204	195 000			
Other ²	51	9	20	11	4	(B)	4	168	140 000			
Percent Distribution												
Brick	21	28	18	18	19	22	18	(X)	(X)			
Wood	18	15	16	17	19	25	25	(X)	(X)			
Stucco	22	13	22	23	25	24	33	(X)	(X)			
Vinyl siding	32	37	35	33	28	19	16	(X)	(X)			
Aluminum siding	2	(B)	1	3	4	(B)	(B)	(X)	(X)			
Other ²	6	7	7	6	5	(B)	5	(X)	(X)			
Number of Fireplaces												
Number of Houses (in thousands)												
No fireplace	259	82	109	42	13	6	6	131	120 000			
1 fireplace	509	61	163	131	66	36	53	184	160 000			
2 fireplaces or more	36	(B)	3	4	4	4	20	391	320 000			
Percent Distribution												
No fireplace	32	57	39	24	16	12	7	(X)	(X)			
1 fireplace	63	43	59	74	79	78	68	(X)	(X)			
2 fireplaces or more	4	(B)	1	2	5	10	25	(X)	(X)			
Floor Area												
Number of Houses (in thousands)												
Under 1,200 square feet	50	34	15	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	93	86 500			
1,200 to 1,599 square feet	175	73	83	15	3	(B)	(B)	112	108 300			
1,600 to 1,999 square feet	190	30	96	50	9	3	(B)	141	134 000			
2,000 to 2,399 square feet	150	6	53	54	22	8	6	173	161 900			
2,400 to 2,999 square feet	132	(B)	24	41	30	18	18	216	200 000			
3,000 square feet or more	107	(B)	4	15	19	15	52	344	298 000			
Percent Distribution												
Under 1,200 square feet	6	24	5	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(X)	(X)			
1,200 to 1,599 square feet	22	51	30	9	3	(B)	(B)	(X)	(X)			
1,600 to 1,999 square feet	24	21	35	29	11	7	(B)	(X)	(X)			
2,000 to 2,399 square feet	19	4	19	31	27	17	8	(X)	(X)			
2,400 to 2,999 square feet	16	(B)	9	23	36	40	23	(X)	(X)			
3,000 square feet or more	13	(B)	2	8	22	33	66	(X)	(X)			
Type of Foundation												
Number of Houses (in thousands)												
Full or partial basement	265	18	71	71	40	23	41	210	178 000			
Slab ³	428	104	165	77	34	18	31	158	131 500			
Crawl space	111	22	40	28	9	5	6	166	142 000			
Percent Distribution												
Full or partial basement	33	13	26	40	48	50	52	(X)	(X)			
Slab ³	53	72	60	44	40	39	39	(X)	(X)			
Crawl space	14	15	14	16	11	11	8	(X)	(X)			

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 23. Selected Characteristics by Sales Price: 1997—Con.

[Value of improved lot included in sales price of house. Price per square foot of floor area excludes value of improved lot. Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Averages, medians, and percents computed from unrounded figures]

Characteristic	Total	Sales price of house						Average sales price (dollars)	Median sales price (dollars)			
		Under \$100,000	\$100,000 to \$149,999	\$150,000 to \$199,999	\$200,000 to \$249,999	\$250,000 to \$299,999	\$300,000 and over					
PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS—Con.												
Type of Heating System												
Number of Houses (in thousands)												
Warm-air furnace	594	87	196	139	69	36	68	185 200	153 000			
Heat pump	177	54	68	32	11	6	7	140 700	120 600			
Hot water or steam	23	(B)	7	5	3	3	(B)	189 300	168 000			
Other ¹	10	(B)	4	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	175 200	142 900			
Percent Distribution												
Warm-air furnace	74	61	72	79	83	79	88	(X)	(X)			
Heat pump	22	37	24	17	13	13	9	(X)	(X)			
Hot water or steam	3	(B)	3	3	3	6	(B)	(X)	(X)			
Other ¹	1	(B)	1	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(X)	(X)			
Type of Heating Fuel												
Number of Houses (in thousands)												
Gas	599	80	204	143	69	38	68	186 500	155 000			
Electricity	187	64	69	29	11	6	7	138 500	118 200			
Oil	16	(B)	(B)	5	3	(B)	3	250 000	202 000			
Other types or none	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	265 900	253 000			
Percent Distribution												
Gas	74	56	74	81	83	82	87	(X)	(X)			
Electricity	23	44	25	16	13	13	9	(X)	(X)			
Oil	2	(B)	(B)	3	4	(B)	4	(X)	(X)			
Other types or none	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(X)	(X)			
Size of Lot												
Number of Houses (in thousands)												
Total reporting size of lot	710	125	245	155	74	40	71	177 700	146 000			
Under 7,000 square feet	237	55	95	46	17	10	15	153 700	133 300			
7,000 to 8,999 square feet	115	21	44	26	12	5	8	163 600	140 000			
9,000 to 10,999 square feet	112	20	40	26	11	6	9	167 600	145 000			
11,000 to 21,999 square feet	163	19	44	41	24	12	22	200 200	169 900			
22,000 square feet or more	84	9	21	17	9	8	18	237 100	180 000			
Average lot size	13 290	10 600	11 410	13 335	14 315	16 715	20 095	(X)	(X)			
Median lot size	9 000	7 500	8 000	9 450	10 500	10 890	12 555	(X)	(X)			
Percent Distribution												
Under 7,000 square feet	33	45	39	30	23	24	21	(X)	(X)			
7,000 to 8,999 square feet	16	17	18	17	16	12	11	(X)	(X)			
9,000 to 10,999 square feet	16	16	16	17	15	15	12	(X)	(X)			
11,000 to 21,999 square feet	23	15	18	26	33	29	31	(X)	(X)			
22,000 square feet or more	12	7	9	11	13	20	25	(X)	(X)			
Type of Parking Facility												
Number of Houses (in thousands)												
Garage: 1 car	64	24	23	11	3	(B)	(B)	126 300	115 000			
2 cars	555	82	217	133	57	29	37	166 500	144 900			
3 cars or more	121	(B)	16	28	22	15	39	286 600	235 000			
Carport	6	3	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	119 900	96 900			
No garage or carport	59	35	17	5	(B)	(B)	(B)	103 800	92 000			
Percent Distribution												
Garage: 1 car	8	16	8	6	3	(B)	(B)	(X)	(X)			
2 cars	69	57	79	75	69	64	47	(X)	(X)			
3 cars or more	15	(B)	6	16	26	33	51	(X)	(X)			
Carport	1	2	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(X)	(X)			
No garage or carport	7	24	6	3	(B)	(B)	(B)	(X)	(X)			
Number of Stories												
Number of Houses (in thousands)												
1 story	366	115	153	60	17	9	11	135 500	120 000			
2 stories or more ⁵	417	27	106	114	65	37	68	215 400	180 000			
Split level	22	(B)	16	3	(B)	(B)	(B)	133 800	124 900			
Percent Distribution												
1 story	45	79	56	34	21	20	13	(X)	(X)			
2 stories or more ⁵	52	19	38	64	79	80	86	(X)	(X)			
Split level	3	(B)	6	2	(B)	(B)	(B)	(X)	(X)			

B Withheld because estimate did not meet publication standards on the basis of sample size. S Withheld because estimate did not meet publication standards on the basis of response rate, associated standard error, or a consistency review. X Not applicable. Z Fewer than 500 units or less than 0.5 percent.

¹Includes other types of financing (not shown separately).

²Includes cinder block, stone, and other types.

³Includes a small number of other foundation types.

⁴Includes electric baseboard, panel, radiant heat, space heater, floor or wall furnace, solar, other types, or none.

⁵Includes houses with 1 1/2, 2 1/2, and 3 stories.

Table 24. Selected Characteristics by Design of House: 1997

[Price per square foot of floor area excludes value of improved lot. Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Averages, medians, and percents computed from unrounded figures]

Characteristic	Number of houses (thousands)			Percent distribution		
	Total	Attached	Detached	Total	Attached	Detached
Total	804	85	719	100	100	100
Location:						
Inside MSAs	734	78	656	91	92	91
Outside MSAs	69	7	62	9	8	9
Northeast	78	17	61	10	20	8
Midwest	140	22	118	17	26	16
South	363	32	331	45	37	46
West	223	14	209	28	17	29
Sale price:						
Under \$100,000	144	20	124	18	24	17
\$100,000 to \$149,999	275	33	242	34	39	34
\$150,000 to \$199,999	177	18	159	22	22	22
\$200,000 to \$249,999	83	6	77	10	7	11
\$250,000 to \$299,999	46	3	43	6	4	6
\$300,000 and over	78	4	74	10	5	10
Average sales price	176 200	150 400	180 000	(X)	(X)	(X)
Median sales price	146 000	130 000	149 000	(X)	(X)	(X)
Square feet of floor area:						
Under 1,200 square feet	50	10	40	6	12	6
1,200 to 1,599 square feet	175	30	145	22	36	20
1,600 to 1,999 square feet	190	24	166	24	28	23
2,000 to 2,399 square feet	150	13	137	19	15	19
2,400 to 2,999 square feet	132	5	127	16	6	18
3,000 square feet or more	107	3	104	13	3	14
Average square feet	2 140	1 715	2 180	(X)	(X)	(X)
Median square feet	1 960	1 620	2 000	(X)	(X)	(X)
Total reporting price per square foot of floor area						
Under \$35.00	646	51	594	100	100	100
\$35.00 to \$39.99	17	1	16	3	1	3
\$40.00 to \$44.99	26	1	25	4	2	4
\$45.00 to \$49.99	46	3	43	7	6	7
\$50.00 to \$54.99	70	4	67	11	7	11
\$55.00 to \$59.99	78	7	70	12	14	12
\$60.00 to \$64.99	82	5	76	13	11	13
\$65.00 to \$69.99	72	6	66	11	12	11
\$70.00 to \$74.99	64	5	59	10	10	10
\$75.00 and over	52	5	46	8	10	8
140	13	127	22	25	25	21
Average price per square foot	64.70	69.55	64.40	(X)	(X)	(X)
Median price per square foot	60.25	62.75	60.00	(X)	(X)	(X)
Central air-conditioning:						
Installed	675	75	600	84	89	83
Not installed	129	10	119	16	11	17
Number of bathrooms:						
1 1/2 bathrooms or less	45	16	29	6	19	4
2 bathrooms	334	30	304	41	35	42
2 1/2 bathrooms	294	33	261	37	39	36
3 bathrooms or more	131	6	125	16	7	17
Number of bedrooms:						
2 bedrooms or less	81	41	41	10	48	6
3 bedrooms	440	42	398	55	50	55
4 bedrooms or more	283	(B)	281	35	(B)	39
Principal type of exterior wall material:						
Brick	166	12	154	21	15	21
Wood	145	15	130	18	18	18
Stucco	173	9	164	22	11	23
Vinyl siding	253	38	215	32	45	30
Aluminum siding	16	5	11	2	5	2
Other ¹	51	6	45	6	7	6
Number of fireplaces:						
No fireplace	259	40	219	32	47	30
1 fireplace or more	545	45	500	68	53	70
Type of foundation:						
Full or partial basement	265	35	230	33	42	32
Slab ²	428	41	387	53	47	53
Crawl space	111	9	102	14	11	14
Type of heating fuel:						
Gas	599	65	534	74	77	74
Electricity	187	19	168	23	22	23
Oil	16	(B)	15	2	(B)	2
Other types or none	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Types of heating system:						
Warm-air furnace	594	64	530	74	75	74
Heat pump	177	19	158	22	22	22
Hot water or steam	23	(B)	21	3	(B)	3
Other ³	10	(B)	10	1	(B)	1
Parking facility:						
Garage: 1 car	64	29	35	8	34	5
2 cars	555	39	516	69	45	72
3 cars or more	121	(B)	121	15	(B)	17
Carport	6	(B)	5	1	(B)	1
No garage or carport	59	16	43	7	19	6

B Withheld because estimate did not meet publication standards on the basis of sample size. X Not applicable.

¹Includes cinder block, stone, and other types.²Includes a small number of other foundation types.³Includes electric baseboard, panel radiant heat, space heater, floor or wall furnace, solar, other types, or none.

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CHARACTERISTICS OF NEW HOUSING

Table 25a. Chain-Type Annual-Weighted Index (Fisher Ideal) of New One-Family Houses Sold: 1979 to 1997

[1992=100.0]

Year	Price index of new one-family houses sold, including value of lot				
	United States	Region			
		Northeast	Midwest	South	West
1979	59.5	47.1	64.4	63.6	59.6
1980	65.4	51.2	67.6	70.7	66.1
1981	70.3	56.0	72.3	76.3	70.1
1982	73.2	58.4	75.5	80.3	71.5
1983	75.3	61.7	75.0	82.6	73.8
1984	78.1	67.1	79.2	84.7	76.2
1985	80.1	73.6	78.5	86.6	77.2
1986	83.8	84.8	83.0	88.9	78.7
1987	88.7	96.8	88.6	91.8	82.6
1988	92.1	99.8	92.7	94.0	87.2
1989	95.8	102.1	94.8	97.0	92.9
1990	97.4	98.1	95.4	97.3	98.3
1991	98.6	96.2	97.8	98.9	99.2
1992	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1993	104.5	98.0	107.0	104.7	103.8
1994	109.6	100.0	112.8	108.4	111.1
1995	112.5	103.0	116.5	111.7	113.2
1996	114.9	104.7	119.3	113.0	117.2
1997	118.2	107.5	123.3	115.8	120.8

Table 25b. Fixed-Weighted Price Index (Laspeyres) of Houses Sold in the United States: 1979 to 1997

[Averages computed from unrounded figures. 1992=100.0]

Year	Price index of new one-family houses sold, including value of lot					Average sales price for—	
	United States	Region				Kinds of houses sold in 1992 (estimated from price index)	Houses actually sold each year
		Northeast	Midwest	South	West		
1979	61.8	46.3	64.0	62.9	61.1	89 100	71 800
1980	68.1	50.5	67.1	70.2	68.2	98 100	76 400
1981	73.5	55.3	73.9	76.7	72.9	105 900	83 000
1982	75.2	56.7	75.1	79.5	73.5	108 400	83 900
1983	76.8	60.3	75.2	81.4	75.2	110 700	89 800
1984	79.9	66.0	80.2	84.6	77.3	115 100	97 600
1985	80.9	74.5	78.4	86.6	78.0	116 600	100 800
1986	84.1	84.5	82.5	89.4	80.9	121 200	111 900
1987	88.6	97.6	88.8	92.3	84.8	127 700	127 200
1988	91.9	100.5	92.8	94.3	87.6	132 400	138 300
1989	95.6	102.1	94.9	97.2	92.2	137 800	148 800
1990	97.4	99.3	95.5	97.4	98.1	140 400	149 800
1991	98.7	96.4	97.7	98.9	99.1	142 200	147 200
1992	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	144 100	144 100
1993	104.3	97.1	106.7	104.7	103.6	150 300	147 700
1994	109.3	98.4	112.0	108.5	110.9	157 500	154 500
1995	112.4	100.7	116.3	111.9	112.7	161 900	158 700
1996	114.6	104.1	118.6	112.6	116.8	165 100	166 400
1997	118.4	106.6	122.9	116.5	120.5	170 600	176 200

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE PRICE INDEX

Cost-of-living index theory states that a price index should measure the change in the price you need to pay to maintain a constant standard of living. Any changes in prices that exceed a price index can be interpreted as an increase in the standard of living. Conversely, if prices rise slower than the price index, the standard of living is falling.

For one-family houses sold the standard of living is measured by the quality of the houses built, and a price index measures the change in the price needed to purchase a house of the same quality. These changes can be measured in different ways. Historically, we have measured these changes by fixing the characteristics of the houses sold over an extended period of time. The price of the house with fixed characteristics was

estimated in each time period and the price index constructed from these estimated prices. This is the fixed-weighted (Laspeyres) price index.

However, the same standard of living may be attained in many ways. Different combinations of housing characteristics may represent similar standards of living. A house with 2,000 square feet and two bathrooms may represent the same standard of living as an 1,800 square foot house with three bathrooms. Thus, we have introduced a chain-type annual-weighted index (Fisher Ideal) that does not hold characteristics fixed.

For a description of how these price indexes are constructed, see the Appendix in the March 1997 issue of Current Construction Reports, Series C25, *New One-Family Houses Sold*.

Table 26. Contract Price of Houses by Location: 1993 to 1997

[Contract price excludes value of improved lot. Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Averages, medians, and percents computed from unrounded figures]

Contract price and location	Number of houses (thousands)					Percent distribution				
	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993
United States	189	218	199	245	225	100	100	100	100	100
Under \$70,000	21	25	31	41	41	11	12	16	16	17
\$70,000 to \$99,999	34	44	38	54	53	18	20	19	22	23
\$100,000 to \$119,999	22	26	21	28	28	12	12	11	11	12
\$120,000 to \$149,999	29	39	32	42	32	16	18	16	17	14
\$150,000 to \$199,999	37	40	33	37	35	20	18	16	15	15
\$200,000 and \$249,999	17	21	20	19	16	9	9	10	8	7
\$250,000 and over	28	24	24	24	20	15	11	12	10	9
Average contract price	165 600	151 900	149 400	139 400	134 300	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Median contract price	135 000	127 500	125 000	117 600	110 000	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Inside MSAs	118	141	124	158	146	100	100	100	100	100
Under \$70,000	9	13	14	17	17	7	10	11	11	12
\$70,000 to \$99,999	16	22	20	30	31	13	15	17	19	21
\$100,000 to \$119,999	13	16	12	19	18	11	12	10	12	12
\$120,000 to \$149,999	19	29	22	30	23	16	20	17	19	16
\$150,000 to \$199,999	26	29	22	28	26	22	20	18	18	18
\$200,000 and \$249,999	12	14	15	13	12	10	10	12	8	8
\$250,000 and over	23	19	19	21	18	19	13	15	13	12
Average contract price	186 600	164 500	164 000	154 500	149 400	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Median contract price	150 000	136 500	138 000	130 000	125 000	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Outside MSAs	71	77	75	87	80	100	100	100	100	100
Under \$70,000	12	12	17	23	23	18	15	24	26	28
\$70,000 to \$99,999	18	22	18	24	22	26	29	24	28	28
\$100,000 to \$119,999	9	10	9	9	10	13	12	12	11	12
\$120,000 to \$149,999	10	10	10	12	9	14	14	14	14	11
\$150,000 to \$199,999	11	11	10	9	9	15	15	14	10	11
\$200,000 and \$249,999	5	7	5	5	5	6	9	7	6	6
\$250,000 and over	5	5	5	4	3	7	7	6	5	4
Average contract price	130 800	128 800	124 800	112 600	105 900	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Median contract price	108 000	105 000	100 000	90 000	90 000	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Northeast	21	24	24	30	31	100	100	100	100	100
Under \$70,000	(B)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(B)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
\$70,000 to \$99,999	3	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	12	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
\$100,000 to \$119,999	3	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	12	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
\$120,000 to \$149,999	3	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	15	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
\$150,000 to \$199,999	6	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	27	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
\$200,000 and \$249,999	(B)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	17	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
\$250,000 and over	4	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	7	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
Average contract price	185 000	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Median contract price	151 300	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Midwest	50	56	56	70	62	100	100	100	100	100
Under \$70,000	5	6	9	12	10	10	11	15	17	16
\$70,000 to \$99,999	10	11	10	14	14	19	19	19	20	22
\$100,000 to \$119,999	7	7	6	9	7	13	13	11	12	12
\$120,000 to \$149,999	10	11	9	12	11	20	19	17	17	17
\$150,000 to \$199,999	9	10	10	11	9	19	18	18	15	15
\$200,000 and \$249,999	3	6	5	5	4	7	11	9	7	7
\$250,000 and over	6	5	6	7	6	12	9	10	10	10
Average contract price	151 900	147 700	145 100	137 800	134 400	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Median contract price	125 000	128 000	125 000	116 500	115 000	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
South	88	107	91	109	99	100	100	100	100	100
Under \$70,000	12	15	18	24	23	14	14	20	21	23
\$70,000 to \$99,999	19	24	19	28	25	21	23	21	26	25
\$100,000 to \$119,999	10	13	10	12	13	12	12	11	11	13
\$120,000 to \$149,999	12	18	14	16	11	13	17	15	14	11
\$150,000 to \$199,999	16	19	13	14	14	19	18	15	13	14
\$200,000 and \$249,999	8	9	8	7	6	9	8	9	6	6
\$250,000 and over	11	9	9	9	6	13	8	10	8	6
Average contract price	157 200	139 400	138 900	125 500	123 000	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Median contract price	125 000	120 000	115 000	100 800	100 000	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
West	29	30	28	36	33	100	100	100	100	100
Under \$70,000	3	(B)	(S)	(B)	3	9	(B)	(S)	(B)	10
\$70,000 to \$99,999	4	5	(S)	6	7	12	16	(S)	18	21
\$100,000 to \$119,999	3	4	(S)	3	4	10	13	(S)	9	13
\$120,000 to \$149,999	4	6	(S)	8	6	15	19	(S)	22	17
\$150,000 to \$199,999	6	6	(S)	7	5	19	19	(S)	20	16
\$200,000 and \$249,999	4	3	(S)	3	3	12	9	(S)	8	9
\$250,000 and over	7	6	(S)	6	5	24	20	(S)	17	15
Average contract price	200 700	189 500	(S)	166 600	154 000	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Median contract price	155 000	143 000	(S)	140 000	125 000	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)

B Withheld because estimate did not meet publication standards on the basis of sample size. S Withheld because estimate did not meet publication standards on the basis of response rate, associated standard error, or a consistency review. X Not applicable.

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Table 27. Price Per Square Foot of Floor Area by Location: 1993 to 1997

[Contract price excludes value of improved lot. Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Averages, medians, and percents computed from unrounded figures]

Price per square foot, and location	Number of houses (thousands)					Percent distribution				
	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993
United States	189	218	199	245	225	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Houses reporting contract price per square foot	155	175	145	185	173	100	100	100	100	100
With price per square foot:										
Under \$35.00	9	11	11	17	19	6	6	8	9	11
\$35.00 to \$39.99	9	10	10	12	13	6	6	7	7	8
\$40.00 to \$44.99	10	13	11	17	17	6	8	7	9	10
\$45.00 to \$49.99	10	14	13	17	19	6	8	9	9	11
\$50.00 to \$54.99	13	17	14	21	19	9	10	10	12	11
\$55.00 to \$59.99	15	17	15	17	18	10	9	10	9	10
\$60.00 to \$64.99	16	17	14	19	17	10	10	10	10	10
\$65.00 to \$69.99	16	17	12	15	12	10	10	9	8	7
\$70.00 to \$74.99	10	15	10	11	10	6	8	7	6	5
\$75.00 and over	47	45	35	39	30	30	25	24	21	17
Average price per square foot	69.10	65.05	64.10	62.00	58.80	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Median price per square foot	63.40	61.60	59.45	57.40	54.70	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Inside MSAs	118	141	124	158	146	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Houses reporting contract price per square foot	97	113	90	119	112	100	100	100	100	100
With price per square foot:										
Under \$35.00	3	5	5	7	9	4	5	5	6	8
\$35.00 to \$39.99	5	6	4	7	7	5	5	5	6	7
\$40.00 to \$44.99	5	8	6	10	10	6	7	6	8	9
\$45.00 to \$49.99	6	9	8	11	12	6	8	9	10	11
\$50.00 to \$54.99	8	11	9	13	12	8	9	9	11	11
\$55.00 to \$59.99	10	11	9	12	12	10	10	10	10	10
\$60.00 to \$64.99	10	11	9	13	12	11	10	10	11	11
\$65.00 to \$69.99	10	12	8	10	9	10	10	8	8	8
\$70.00 to \$74.99	7	11	7	8	7	7	9	8	7	6
\$75.00 and over	33	30	25	28	23	34	27	28	23	20
Average price per square foot	72.50	66.80	66.30	64.30	61.35	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Median price per square foot	65.90	63.00	62.20	59.50	57.65	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Outside MSAs	71	77	75	87	80	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Houses reporting contract price per square foot	58	63	55	66	60	100	100	100	100	100
With price per square foot:										
Under \$35.00	6	6	6	10	10	10	9	12	15	16
\$35.00 to \$39.99	5	4	6	5	6	8	7	10	8	10
\$40.00 to \$44.99	4	6	5	7	7	8	9	9	11	11
\$45.00 to \$49.99	4	5	4	6	7	7	8	8	9	12
\$50.00 to \$54.99	6	6	6	8	7	10	10	10	12	11
\$55.00 to \$59.99	6	6	6	5	6	10	9	11	8	10
\$60.00 to \$64.99	6	6	5	6	5	10	9	8	9	8
\$65.00 to \$69.99	6	5	5	5	3	9	8	9	7	5
\$70.00 to \$74.99	3	4	3	3	3	5	7	6	5	5
\$75.00 and over	14	14	9	11	7	23	23	17	16	12
Average price per square foot	62.25	61.50	59.75	57.00	53.00	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Median price per square foot	58.90	58.35	55.30	52.85	50.00	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Northeast	21	24	24	30	31	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Houses reporting contract price per square foot	17	17	15	19	20	100	100	100	100	100
With price per square foot:										
Under \$35.00	(Z)	1	1	1	1	(S)	3	6	4	5
\$35.00 to \$39.99	(Z)	1	1	1	1	(S)	4	5	4	4
\$40.00 to \$44.99	1	1	1	1	1	7	7	5	5	6
\$45.00 to \$49.99	1	1	1	2	2	4	8	5	8	9
\$50.00 to \$54.99	1	1	1	2	2	7	8	5	11	11
\$55.00 to \$59.99	2	2	2	2	2	12	15	10	9	8
\$60.00 to \$64.99	2	2	2	2	2	10	12	10	12	10
\$65.00 to \$69.99	2	1	2	1	2	11	6	11	8	8
\$70.00 to \$74.99	1	1	1	1	1	6	7	8	7	7
\$75.00 and over	7	5	5	6	6	39	30	34	32	31
Average price per square foot	75.85	68.25	69.75	68.75	65.10	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Median price per square foot	67.75	62.35	66.50	64.00	61.95	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Midwest	50	56	56	70	62	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Houses reporting contract price per square foot	44	48	45	57	52	100	100	100	100	100
With price per square foot:										
Under \$35.00	3	3	3	5	5	6	6	7	9	9
\$35.00 to \$39.99	3	2	3	3	2	6	5	6	5	4
\$40.00 to \$44.99	2	3	3	4	4	5	6	6	7	7
\$45.00 to \$49.99	3	3	5	4	5	6	7	11	7	10
\$50.00 to \$54.99	4	5	4	7	6	9	10	10	13	11
\$55.00 to \$59.99	5	5	4	6	6	11	9	9	11	11
\$60.00 to \$64.99	5	5	5	6	7	11	10	11	10	13
\$65.00 to \$69.99	4	5	4	5	5	10	10	9	9	9
\$70.00 to \$74.99	3	4	4	4	4	6	9	8	7	7
\$75.00 and over	13	13	10	13	10	29	27	23	22	19
Average price per square foot	66.40	65.40	63.55	63.50	61.15	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Median price per square foot	63.40	62.85	60.45	59.20	59.20	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 27. Price Per Square Foot of Floor Area by Location: 1993 to 1997—Con.

[Contract price excludes value of improved lot. Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Averages, medians, and percents computed from unrounded figures]

Price per square foot, and location	Number of houses (thousands)					Percent distribution				
	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993
South	88	107	91	109	99	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Houses reporting contract price per square foot	70	88	66	82	75	100	100	100	100	100
With price per square foot:										
Under \$35.00	5	7	7	10	12	8	8	11	13	15
\$35.00 to \$39.99	6	7	6	8	9	8	8	10	9	12
\$40.00 to \$44.99	6	8	6	10	10	8	9	9	13	14
\$45.00 to \$49.99	5	8	7	10	10	7	9	10	12	13
\$50.00 to \$54.99	6	10	8	10	8	9	11	11	12	11
\$55.00 to \$59.99	7	8	7	8	7	9	9	10	9	10
\$60.00 to \$64.99	7	8	6	8	5	9	10	9	9	7
\$65.00 to \$69.99	7	8	5	5	4	10	10	7	6	5
\$70.00 to \$74.99	5	7	4	4	3	7	8	6	5	4
\$75.00 and over	18	17	12	10	7	26	20	18	12	9
Average price per square foot	66.00	60.65	60.15	56.30	53.30	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Median price per square foot	60.55	58.35	54.80	51.20	48.15	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
West	29	30	28	36	33	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Houses reporting contract price per square foot	24	23	19	26	25	100	100	100	100	100
With price per square foot:										
Under \$35.00	1	(Z)	(Z)	1	1	4	(S)	(S)	4	6
\$35.00 to \$39.99	1	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	1	3	(S)	(S)	(S)	5
\$40.00 to \$44.99	1	1	1	2	2	3	5	5	7	7
\$45.00 to \$49.99	2	2	1	2	2	7	7	3	7	7
\$50.00 to \$54.99	2	1	2	2	3	8	5	8	8	10
\$55.00 to \$59.99	2	2	3	2	3	8	9	13	6	12
\$60.00 to \$64.99	3	2	2	3	3	11	8	10	12	11
\$65.00 to \$69.99	3	3	2	3	3	11	11	12	11	10
\$70.00 to \$74.99	1	2	2	2	2	6	11	8	8	6
\$75.00 and over	9	9	7	9	7	39	40	37	34	26
Average price per square foot	77.20	77.95	73.70	70.90	65.30	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Median price per square foot	67.60	70.50	67.55	66.85	61.10	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)

S Withheld because estimate did not meet publication standards on the basis of response rate, associated standard error, or a consistency review. X Not applicable. Z Fewer than 500 units or less than 0.5 percent.

Note: The nonresponse rate for these data is very high, and it is not reported uniformly by contract price or region.

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Table 28. Selected Characteristics by Type of Mobile Home and Region: 1993 to 1997

[Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Percents computed from unrounded figures]

Type of mobile home, region, and characteristic	Number of new mobile homes (thousands)					Percent distribution				
	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993
ALL MOBILE HOMES¹										
United States	297	320	311	286	242	100	100	100	100	100
Location:										
Inside mobile home communities	98	108	105	97	79	33	34	34	34	33
Outside mobile home communities	198	212	206	189	164	67	66	66	66	67
Number of bedrooms:										
2 or less	40	50	51	59	58	14	16	17	21	24
3 or more	256	270	259	227	185	86	84	83	79	76
Central air-conditioning:										
Installed	231	244	231	198	158	78	76	74	69	65
Not installed	66	76	80	88	84	22	24	26	31	35
Foundation:										
Concrete pads	33	29	25	20	18	11	9	8	7	7
Blocks	209	241	242	225	195	71	75	78	79	81
Masonry	39	33	32	30	21	13	10	10	10	9
Other ²	16	17	12	10	8	5	5	4	4	3
Northeast	14	15	15	16	15	100	100	100	100	100
Location:										
Inside mobile home communities	6	8	7	7	7	44	49	51	46	43
Outside mobile home communities	8	8	7	9	9	56	51	49	54	57
Number of bedrooms:										
2 or less	3	4	3	4	3	20	25	24	25	23
3 or more	11	12	11	12	12	80	75	76	75	77
Central air-conditioning:										
Installed	4	5	4	5	4	29	33	31	32	28
Not installed	10	10	10	11	11	71	67	69	68	72
Foundation:										
Concrete pads	4	4	3	3	3	31	26	17	20	17
Blocks	7	8	9	10	10	49	55	63	64	65
Masonry	(B)	(B)	2	2	2	(B)	(B)	12	12	14
Other ²	(B)	(B)	1	1	1	(B)	(B)	7	5	4
Midwest	51	57	56	53	44	100	100	100	100	100
Location:										
Inside mobile home communities	22	26	26	22	19	44	47	46	42	43
Outside mobile home communities	29	30	30	31	25	56	53	54	58	57
Number of bedrooms:										
2 or less	6	7	9	9	10	12	13	17	18	21
3 or more	45	49	47	44	35	88	87	83	82	79
Central air-conditioning:										
Installed	37	40	37	33	26	73	70	67	62	59
Not installed	14	17	19	20	18	27	30	33	38	41
Foundation:										
Concrete pads	9	9	8	6	6	17	16	15	12	13
Blocks	26	33	35	33	29	51	58	62	62	65
Masonry	12	10	10	11	7	24	18	17	20	16
Other ²	4	5	3	3	3	8	9	6	6	6
South	189	205	198	174	147	100	100	100	100	100
Location:										
Inside mobile home communities	52	57	54	49	39	28	28	27	28	27
Outside mobile home communities	136	148	144	125	108	72	72	73	72	73
Number of bedrooms:										
2 or less	26	33	32	38	36	14	16	16	22	25
3 or more	162	172	166	137	110	86	84	84	78	75
Central air-conditioning:										
Installed	172	182	173	146	117	91	89	87	84	80
Not installed	17	23	26	28	30	9	11	13	16	20
Foundation:										
Concrete pads	14	12	9	6	6	8	6	5	4	4
Blocks	154	175	172	155	132	82	85	87	89	90
Masonry	14	11	12	9	6	7	5	6	5	4
Other ²	7	7	5	4	3	4	3	3	2	2
West	43	43	42	42	36	100	100	100	100	100
Location:										
Inside mobile home communities	17	17	17	18	14	40	40	40	41	39
Outside mobile home communities	26	26	25	25	22	60	60	60	59	61
Number of bedrooms:										
2 or less	5	6	7	8	8	12	14	16	19	23
3 or more	38	37	35	34	28	88	86	84	81	77
Central air-conditioning:										
Installed	18	17	16	13	11	42	39	38	31	30
Not installed	25	26	26	29	25	58	61	62	69	70
Foundation:										
Concrete pads	5	4	5	5	4	13	10	11	11	11
Blocks	23	25	26	27	24	53	59	62	64	67
Masonry	11	10	9	8	6	26	23	21	19	17
Other ²	4	4	3	3	2	9	9	6	6	6

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Table 28. Selected Characteristics by Type of Mobile Home and Region: 1993 to 1997—Con.

[Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Percents computed from unrounded figures]

Type of mobile home, region, and characteristic	Number of new mobile homes (thousands)					Percent distribution				
	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993
SINGLE-WIDE MOBILE HOMES										
United States	126	154	158	146	127	100	100	100	100	100
Location:										
Inside mobile home communities	54	66	67	60	50	43	43	42	41	39
Outside mobile home communities	72	88	91	86	77	57	57	58	59	61
Number of bedrooms:										
2 or less	34	43	44	50	48	27	28	28	34	38
3 or more	92	111	114	96	79	73	72	72	66	62
Central air-conditioning:										
Installed	103	121	121	103	82	82	79	77	71	64
Not installed	23	33	37	42	45	18	21	23	29	36
Foundation:										
Concrete pads	13	13	11	9	9	10	8	7	6	7
Blocks	106	134	141	131	114	84	87	89	90	90
Masonry	(B)	(B)	2	2	1	(B)	(B)	1	1	1
Other ²	5	5	5	4	3	4	3	3	3	2
Northeast	5	8	8	9	9	100	100	100	100	100
Location:										
Inside mobile home communities	3	5	5	5	5	63	61	64	54	55
Outside mobile home communities	(B)	3	3	4	4	(B)	39	36	46	45
Number of bedrooms:										
2 or less	(B)	3	3	4	3	(B)	39	37	39	35
3 or more	4	5	5	6	6	64	61	63	61	65
Central air-conditioning:										
Installed	(B)	3	2	3	2	(B)	32	28	30	24
Not installed	4	5	6	6	7	69	68	72	70	76
Foundation:										
Concrete pads	(B)	(B)	1	1	1	(B)	(B)	12	15	11
Blocks	4	5	6	7	7	66	67	80	80	83
Masonry	(B)	(B)	(Z)	(S)	(Z)	(B)	(B)	2	(S)	3
Other ²	(B)	(B)	1	(Z)	(Z)	(B)	(B)	7	5	3
Midwest	22	27	29	28	25	100	100	100	100	100
Location:										
Inside mobile home communities	13	16	17	15	14	60	61	59	56	56
Outside mobile home communities	9	11	12	12	11	40	39	41	44	44
Number of bedrooms:										
2 or less	5	6	9	8	9	24	24	29	30	35
3 or more	16	21	21	19	16	76	76	71	70	65
Central air-conditioning:										
Installed	16	19	20	18	15	76	71	68	65	59
Not installed	5	8	9	10	10	24	29	32	35	41
Foundation:										
Concrete pads	4	5	5	3	4	21	18	17	11	16
Blocks	15	19	22	22	19	70	72	76	80	78
Masonry	(B)	(B)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(B)	(B)	2	2	2
Other ²	(B)	(B)	2	2	1	(B)	(B)	6	7	4
South	90	108	110	99	84	100	100	100	100	100
Location:										
Inside mobile home communities	33	39	38	34	27	36	36	35	35	32
Outside mobile home communities	57	70	72	65	57	64	64	65	65	68
Number of bedrooms:										
2 or less	24	30	29	34	32	27	28	26	34	38
3 or more	66	78	81	65	52	74	72	74	66	62
Central air-conditioning:										
Installed	81	95	95	80	62	90	88	86	81	74
Not installed	9	13	15	19	22	10	12	14	19	26
Foundation:										
Concrete pads	6	5	4	3	3	7	5	4	3	4
Blocks	80	100	102	93	79	89	92	93	94	94
Masonry	(B)	(B)	1	1	(Z)	(B)	(B)	1	1	1
Other ²	(B)	(B)	2	2	1	(B)	(B)	2	2	2
West	9	11	11	11	10	100	100	100	100	100
Location:										
Inside mobile home communities	5	6	7	6	5	57	55	59	55	50
Outside mobile home communities	4	5	5	5	5	43	45	41	45	50
Number of bedrooms:										
2 or less	3	3	4	4	5	31	27	33	39	49
3 or more	6	8	7	6	5	69	73	67	61	51
Central air-conditioning:										
Installed	4	5	4	3	3	41	41	38	32	29
Not installed	5	6	7	7	7	59	59	62	68	71
Foundation:										
Concrete pads	(B)	(B)	1	1	1	(B)	(B)	5	10	7
Blocks	8	10	10	9	9	82	87	91	86	86
Masonry	(B)	(B)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(B)	(B)	2	2	2
Other ²	(B)	(B)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(B)	(B)	3	2	4

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CHARACTERISTICS OF NEW HOUSING

Table 28. Selected Characteristics by Type of Mobile Home and Region: 1993 to 1997—Con.

[Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Percents computed from unrounded figures]

Type of mobile home, region, and characteristic	Number of new mobile homes (thousands)					Percent distribution				
	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993
DOUBLE-WIDE MOBILE HOMES										
United States	165	160	148	136	112	100	100	100	100	100
Location:										
Inside mobile home communities	43	41	37	36	28	26	26	25	26	25
Outside mobile home communities	122	119	111	100	84	74	74	75	74	75
Number of bedrooms:										
2 or less	6	7	7	9	9	4	4	5	7	8
3 or more	158	154	141	127	103	96	96	95	93	92
Central air-conditioning:										
Installed	124	119	107	92	75	75	74	72	67	67
Not installed	41	42	41	44	38	25	26	28	33	33
Foundation:										
Concrete pads	19	16	13	11	9	11	10	9	8	8
Blocks	100	104	99	92	80	61	65	67	68	71
Masonry	35	30	28	27	19	21	18	19	19	17
Other ²	11	11	8	6	5	6	7	5	5	4
Northeast	8	8	7	7	7	100	100	100	100	100
Location:										
Inside mobile home communities	3	3	2	3	2	32	37	36	37	29
Outside mobile home communities	6	5	4	4	5	68	63	64	63	71
Number of bedrooms:										
2 or less	(B)	(B)	1	1	(Z)	(B)	(B)	8	9	7
3 or more	7	7	6	6	6	90	90	92	91	93
Central air-conditioning:										
Installed	(B)	3	2	2	2	(B)	34	34	34	32
Not installed	6	5	4	5	5	72	66	66	66	68
Foundation:										
Concrete pads	3	(B)	2	2	2	33	(B)	24	25	25
Blocks	3	3	3	3	3	38	42	44	44	41
Masonry	(B)	(S)	2	2	2	(B)	(S)	25	26	29
Other ²	(B)	(B)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(B)	(B)	7	5	5
Midwest	29	29	27	25	20	100	100	100	100	100
Location:										
Inside mobile home communities	9	10	9	7	5	32	33	33	28	28
Outside mobile home communities	20	20	18	18	14	68	67	68	72	72
Number of bedrooms:										
2 or less	(B)	(B)	1	1	1	(B)	(B)	3	4	5
3 or more	29	29	26	24	19	98	98	97	96	95
Central air-conditioning:										
Installed	20	20	17	15	12	70	69	65	60	60
Not installed	9	9	9	10	8	30	31	35	40	40
Foundation:										
Concrete pads	4	4	3	3	2	14	14	13	12	10
Blocks	11	13	13	11	10	38	45	48	43	48
Masonry	12	10	9	10	7	40	33	34	40	34
Other ²	(B)	(B)	2	1	1	(B)	(B)	6	5	7
South	96	94	87	74	62	100	100	100	100	100
Location:										
Inside mobile home communities	19	18	16	15	12	20	19	19	20	20
Outside mobile home communities	77	76	71	59	49	80	81	81	80	80
Number of bedrooms:										
2 or less	3	(B)	3	4	5	3	(B)	3	5	8
3 or more	93	92	84	70	57	97	97	97	95	92
Central air-conditioning:										
Installed	88	84	77	65	54	91	90	88	88	87
Not installed	8	10	10	9	8	9	10	12	12	13
Foundation:										
Concrete pads	8	7	5	3	3	8	7	6	4	4
Blocks	72	73	69	61	53	75	77	79	82	85
Masonry	12	10	10	8	5	12	10	12	10	8
Other ²	4	5	3	2	1	4	5	4	3	2
West	31	29	28	30	24	100	100	100	100	100
Location:										
Inside mobile home communities	12	11	10	11	9	37	36	35	38	35
Outside mobile home communities	20	19	18	18	16	63	64	65	62	65
Number of bedrooms:										
2 or less	(B)	3	3	4	3	(B)	10	11	13	13
3 or more	29	26	25	26	21	92	90	89	87	87
Central air-conditioning:										
Installed	13	11	11	9	7	42	39	38	31	30
Not installed	18	18	18	20	17	58	61	62	69	70
Foundation:										
Concrete pads	4	3	4	3	3	13	10	13	12	12
Blocks	14	15	15	17	15	45	51	53	58	61
Masonry	10	8	8	7	5	31	29	27	23	21
Other ²	3	3	2	2	1	11	10	7	7	6

B Withheld because estimate did not meet publication standards on the basis of sample size. S Withheld because estimate did not meet publication standards on the basis of response rate, associated standard error, or a consistency review. Z Fewer than 500 units or less than 0.5 percent.

¹Includes mobile homes with more than two sections.

²Includes steel piers, no foundation, etc.

Table 29. Average and Median Square Feet of Floor Area by Type of Mobile Home and Region: 1993 to 1997

[Averages and medians computed from unrounded figures]

Type of mobile home and region	Average square feet					Median square feet				
	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993
ALL MOBILE HOMES¹										
United States	1 420	1 380	1 355	1 330	1 295	1 285	1 285	1 280	1 280	1 235
Northeast	1 330	1 285	1 260	1 230	1 230	1 250	1 215	1 155	1 120	1 120
Midwest	1 435	1 405	1 355	1 350	1 300	1 340	1 285	1 280	1 285	1 280
South	1 410	1 365	1 345	1 305	1 275	1 285	1 280	1 280	1 245	1 220
West	1 475	1 450	1 455	1 445	1 405	1 430	1 365	1 345	1 355	1 340
SINGLE-WIDE MOBILE HOMES										
United States	1 125	1 120	1 115	1 085	1 065	1 215	1 215	1 215	1 120	1 060
Northeast	1 010	1 025	1 050	1 010	1 015	1 005	1 010	1 010	1 005	1 005
Midwest	1 160	1 150	1 140	1 140	1 115	1 220	1 215	1 215	1 215	1 150
South	1 130	1 120	1 115	1 075	1 055	1 215	1 215	1 215	1 065	1 060
West	1 105	1 095	1 095	1 060	1 035	1 215	1 155	1 215	1 065	985
DOUBLE-WIDE MOBILE HOMES										
United States	1 615	1 600	1 585	1 565	1 525	1 570	1 680	1 680	1 570	1 565
Northeast	1 540	1 545	1 505	1 505	1 500	1 560	1 565	1 460	1 565	1 460
Midwest	1 630	1 630	1 595	1 580	1 530	1 570	1 605	1 570	1 570	1 565
South	1 650	1 625	1 615	1 585	1 545	1 680	1 680	1 680	1 680	1 565
West	1 515	1 515	1 515	1 515	1 490	1 565	1 560	1 565	1 565	1 485

¹Includes mobile homes with more than two sections.

Table 30. Average and Median Sales Price by Type of Mobile Home and Region: 1993 to 1997

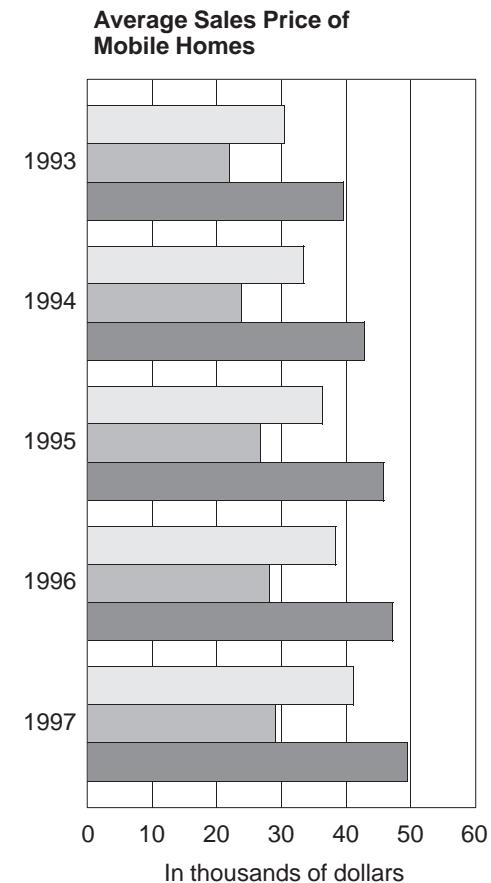
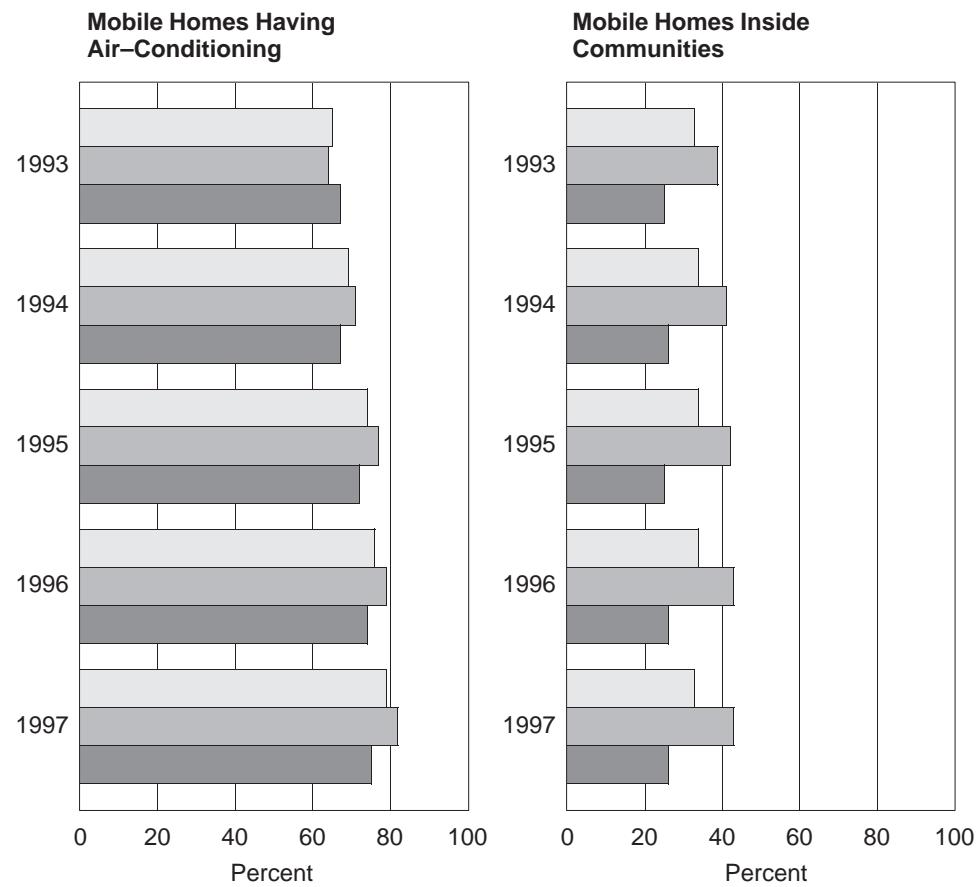
[Averages and medians computed from unrounded figures]

Type of mobile home and region	Average sales price ¹					Median sales price ¹				
	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993
ALL MOBILE HOMES²										
United States	41 100	38 400	36 300	33 500	30 500	39 000	35 700	33 000	30 000	27 700
Northeast	43 900	40 200	37 600	33 900	32 000	42 100	37 800	34 000	31 000	29 000
Midwest	41 600	39 600	36 600	34 600	31 400	40 100	37 500	34 800	32 100	30 000
South	38 700	36 100	34 000	30 500	27 700	35 500	32 600	30 000	26 900	25 000
West	50 900	47 700	46 800	44 600	40 500	50 000	47 500	46 000	43 000	39 000
SINGLE-WIDE MOBILE HOMES										
United States	29 000	28 200	26 700	23 900	21 900	29 000	27 800	26 300	23 900	21 300
Northeast	31 700	29 600	28 600	25 200	23 800	32 000	29 100	28 600	25 000	23 900
Midwest	30 900	30 800	28 200	26 200	24 400	31 100	30 000	28 400	26 600	24 600
South	28 100	27 100	25 700	22 700	20 600	27 900	26 300	25 100	21 900	19 900
West	32 000	31 100	31 100	28 100	25 400	33 800	31 900	32 200	28 100	25 200
DOUBLE-WIDE MOBILE HOMES										
United States	49 500	47 300	45 900	42 900	39 600	48 200	46 200	44 300	41 300	38 400
Northeast	51 700	51 400	48 600	45 400	42 700	48 400	48 600	46 800	43 000	40 600
Midwest	49 400	47 500	46 100	43 700	40 100	48 000	46 100	44 600	43 000	39 600
South	47 900	45 700	44 100	40 500	37 100	46 500	44 800	42 000	38 600	35 800
West	54 100	51 500	50 700	48 000	44 600	50 000	49 900	46 400	43 600	

¹Sales prices of new manufactured (mobile) homes shown in this report are reported by dealers who are instructed to include dealer setup costs. In some cases, there may be additional costs to prepare units for occupancy not included in the sales prices reported.²Includes mobile homes with more than two sections.

Figure 7.
**Comparison of
 Mobile Homes With
 Selected Characteristics:
 1993 to 1997**

 All mobile homes
 Single wide
 Double wide



Appendix A.

Description of Surveys

The statistics in this report are estimates based on sample surveys conducted by the Bureau of the Census, U.S. Department of Commerce, under contract with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

SURVEY OF CONSTRUCTION

This survey is used to produce estimates of new housing units started, completed, or sold. Every month interviewers obtain data from the builders or owners of a sample of new housing units for which permits have been issued or, in nonpermit areas, on which construction has started.

This national sample covers 169 areas consisting of counties and independent cities. Within these areas interviewers sample building permits issued monthly in approximately 840 areas requiring them. They select permits for 1-to-4-unit buildings with probability proportional to the number of units on the permit so that overall 1 in 40 units is selected. All permits for 5-or-more-unit buildings are selected.

Within the 169 areas there are land areas not requiring the issuance of building permits, called nonpermit areas. These areas were grouped into 2 strata according to their 1980 populations. Overall, 1 of every 120 land areas from the strata with larger land areas was selected; 1 out of every 600 was selected from the strata of smaller land areas. This selection produced a sample of approximately 130 land areas which interviewers canvass for all new housing units started. Each sampled building is followed through until completion and, if applicable, sale.

The statistics from this survey are based upon data received by the end of March 1998. We estimate that about 1 percent of all activity occurring in 1997 still had not been reported by this time. Imputations are made to cover this small amount.

MOBILE HOME PLACEMENTS

Each month the National Conference of States on Building Codes and Standards (NCSBCS) provides the Census Bureau with lists of new mobile home shipments. NCSBCS works as an agent for HUD ensuring that newly constructed mobile homes meet HUD standards. The lists identify the mobile homes produced and the dealers to whom the units are shipped. From these lists, a random sample is selected at an overall rate of 1 of every 40 units shipped. The dealers receiving the selected units are then contacted by telephone and asked about the status of each selected unit. We continue this procedure for each selected unit until it is placed.

ADJUSTMENT FOR NONREPORTING

Most statistics have been adjusted to eliminate nonreporting. Cases for which a characteristic was not reported have been distributed proportionally to those for which the characteristic was reported. For example, assume that 80 percent of the units represented by cases reporting on the characteristic "air-conditioning" indicate it is installed. Then, 80 percent of the units covered by cases for which the air-conditioning characteristic was not reported will be counted as having it installed. This is done only when the percentage of cases reporting a given characteristic is at a statistically acceptable level. For this report that level is 75 percent reporting. In most instances, if this level is not attained the statistics are suppressed. For all other cases, the tables have been marked to warn of the potential weaknesses of the estimates.

RELIABILITY OF DATA

Since the statistics are estimates based on sample surveys, they may differ from statistics obtained from a complete census using the same forms and procedures. Estimates based on sample surveys are subject to both sampling and nonsampling error. The accuracy of an estimate is determined by the joint effects of these errors.

Measures of Sampling Errors

Sampling errors reflect the fact that only a particular sample was surveyed rather than the entire population. The sample selected for this survey is one of a large number of similar probability samples that, by chance, might have been selected using the same specifications. Estimates derived from the different samples would differ from one another. The standard error, or sampling error, of a survey estimate is a measure of the variation among the estimates from all possible samples and, thus, is a measure of the precision with which an estimate from a particular sample approximates the average from all possible samples.

The standard errors shown have been computed from the 1995 through 1997 sample data for selected statistics in this report. They are presented in Tables A-1 through A-5. The estimates in Tables A-4 and A-5 are expressed in the form of relative standard errors. Table A-6 shows relative standard errors for characteristics of mobile home placements in 1997. The relative standard error equals the standard error divided by the estimated value to which it refers.

The sample estimate and an estimate of its standard error allow us to construct interval estimates with prescribed confidence that the interval includes the average result of all possible samples with the same size and design. A 90-percent confidence interval is defined as being from 1.6 standard errors below the estimate to 1.6 standard errors above the estimate. If all possible samples were selected and surveyed under essentially the same conditions and all the respective 90-percent confidence intervals were generated, then approximately nine-tenths of the intervals would include the average value of all sample estimates and approximately one-tenth would not. For example, Table 1 of this report shows that an estimated 757,000 one-family houses built for sale were completed in 1997. The standard error of this estimate interpolated from Table A-1 is 13,898. To obtain a 90-percent confidence interval, multiply 13,898 by 1.6 and add or subtract the result from 757,000. This yields limits of 734,763 and 779,237. The average estimate of one-family houses completed and built for sale may or may not be contained in this computed interval, but one can say that the average is included in the constructed interval with a specified confidence of 90 percent.

To economically derive estimates of applicable standard errors for a wide variety of items found in this report we made certain approximations. As a result, the relative standard errors shown in Tables A-4 through A-6 provide orders of magnitude rather than precise values. Tables A-1 through A-3 show a generalized formula for computing the standard errors as well as providing these errors based on orders of magnitude.

Nonsampling Errors

As calculated for this report, the standard error measures certain nonsampling errors, but does not measure any systematic biases in the data. Bias is the difference, averaged over all possible samples with the same size and design, between the estimates and the true value being estimated. Nonsampling errors can be attributed to many sources:

1. Inability to obtain information about all cases in the sample
2. Definitional problems
3. Differences in interpretations of questions
4. Inability or unwillingness of respondents to provide correct answers
5. Errors made in processing data

These nonsampling errors also occur in complete censuses. Although no direct measurements of the biases have been obtained, it is believed that most of the important response and operational errors were detected while reviewing the data for reasonableness and consistency.

The overall nonresponse rate for questions asked for this survey is very low. However, nonresponse to individual items varied. For the physical characteristics, such as the number of bathrooms or bedrooms, the nonresponse rate is between 1 and 10 percent. Items with higher nonresponse rates are those related to the sales price of new houses sold or to the contract price of contractor-built houses.

ILLUSTRATED USES OF STANDARD ERRORS TABLES

Table 19 shows that in 1997 the estimate of the number of new houses sold in the South region with a sales price between \$80,000 and \$99,999 is 60,000. Using the generalized formula ($SE=16\sqrt{est.}$) given in Table A-1, one can compute the value of the standard error for 60,000 by replacing "est." with the estimate, to obtain a standard error of 3,919. To obtain a 90-percent confidence interval multiply 3,919 by 1.6, which produces a result of 6,271. Add or subtract that result from 60,000 yielding limits of 53,729 and 66,271 houses.

The estimate of the proportion of houses sold in the South region (363,000 total) with a sales price between \$80,000 and \$99,999 is 17 percent. Using the generalized formula ($SE=16\sqrt{(p \times q)/y}$) shown in Table A-2, one can compute the standard error. The value of "p" is 17 percent. The value of "q" is defined as 100 – p, or 83 percent. The value of "y" is the base, 363,000. Thus, the standard error of 17 percent with a base of 363,000 houses is 1.0 percentage points. This means that a 90-percent confidence interval for 17 percent would be between 15.4 and 18.6 percent (17 percent plus or minus 1.6, which is 1.0 x 1.6).

Table 19 also shows that the median sales price of new houses sold during 1997 in the South region was \$129,600. Table A-4 shows that the relative standard error of the estimate is 2 percent. Multiplying \$129,600 by 0.02, we obtain \$2,592 as the standard error. A 90-percent confidence interval for \$129,600 would be between \$125,453 and \$133,747.

Table 17 shows that 14,000 of the buildings with two units or more completed in the United States in 1997 had electricity for heating fuel. Table A-5 shows that the relative standard error of the estimate is 6 percent. Multiplying 14,000 by 0.06, we obtain 840 as the standard error. A 90-percent confidence interval for 14,000 would be between 12,656 and 15,344.

Table 30 shows that in 1997 the average sales price for all mobile home placements in the West region was \$50,900. Table A-6 shows that the relative standard error of the estimate is 2 percent. Multiplying \$50,900 by 0.02 yields a standard error of \$1,018. Producing a 90-percent confidence interval would give limits of \$49,371 and \$52,529.

Table A-1. Average Standard Errors for Estimates of New One-Family Houses

Estimated number	Standard error		Estimated number	Standard error	
	Sold, for sale, and completed SE=16 $\sqrt{\text{est.M}}$	Contractor-built, owner-built SE=19 $\sqrt{\text{est.M}}$		Sold, for sale, and completed SE=16 $\sqrt{\text{est.M}}$	Contractor-built, owner-built SE=19 $\sqrt{\text{est.M}}$
5,000	1,130	1,340	200,000	7,160	8,495
10,000	1,600	1,900	300,000	8,770	10,410
20,000	2,260	2,685	350,000	9,470	(X)
25,000	2,535	3,010	400,000	10,125	(X)
50,000	3,580	4,250	600,000	12,395	(X)
75,000	4,385	5,205	800,000	14,310	(X)
100,000	5,055	6,005	1,000,000	16,000	(X)
150,000	6,200	7,355	1,200,000	17,525	(X)

est.=Estimate for a given characteristic. SE=Standard error. X Not applicable.

Table A-2. Average Standard Errors of Estimated Percentages for New Houses Completed, Sold, or Built for Sale

$$\left(\text{SE} = 16 \sqrt{\frac{p \times q}{y}} \right)$$

Estimated percentages (p or q)	Number of houses in base of percentage ^(y)									
	5,000	10,000	20,000	50,000	100,000	200,000	400,000	600,000	800,000	1,000,000
5 or 95	4.9	3.5	2.5	1.6	1.1	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.3
10 or 90	6.8	4.8	3.4	2.1	1.5	1.1	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.5
20 or 80	9.1	6.4	4.5	2.9	2.0	1.4	1.0	0.9	0.7	0.6
25 or 75	9.8	7.0	5.0	3.1	2.2	1.5	1.1	0.9	0.7	0.6
40 or 60	11.1	7.8	5.5	3.5	2.5	1.7	1.3	1.0	0.9	0.9
50 or 50	11.3	8.0	5.7	3.6	2.6	1.8	1.3	1.1	0.9	0.9

p=Percent distribution. q=100-p. SE=Standard error. y=Base for a given characteristic.

Table A-3. Average Standard Errors of Estimated Percentages for New Contractor-Built and Owner-Built Houses

$$\left(\text{SE} = 14 \sqrt{\frac{p \times q}{y}} \right)$$

Estimated percentages (p or q)	Number of houses in base of percentage ^(y)					
	5,000	10,000	50,000	100,000	150,000	200,000
5 or 95	4.3	3.1	1.4	1.0	0.8	0.7
10 or 90	5.9	4.2	1.9	1.3	1.1	0.9
20 or 80	7.9	5.6	2.5	1.8	1.4	1.3
25 or 75	8.6	6.1	2.7	1.9	1.6	1.4
40 or 60	9.7	6.9	3.1	2.2	1.8	1.5
50 or 50	9.9	7.0	3.1	2.2	1.8	1.6

p=Percent distribution. q=100-p. SE=Standard error. y=Base for a given characteristic.

Table A-4. Average Relative Standard Errors for Selected Averages and Medians of New One-Family Houses

Characteristics	Average							Median						
	United States	Inside MSAs	Out-side MSAs	North-east	Mid-west	South	West	United States	Inside MSAs	Out-side MSAs	North-east	Mid-west	South	West
Square feet of floor area in—														
All new houses sold.	1	1	3	4	2	1	1	1	1	2	3	3	2	2
All new houses completed.....	1	1	2	4	2	2	2	1	1	2	3	2	2	2
Houses built for sale completed.....	1	1	4	6	3	2	1	1	1	3	3	3	2	2
Contractor-built houses completed.....	2	2	3	4	3	2	4	2	3	5	8	5	4	12
Owner-built houses completed.....	2	2	3	5	3	2	4	4	5	5	10	7	6	8
Price of—														
All new houses sold ...	2	2	4	9	3	2	3	2	2	4	7	4	2	2
Contractor-built houses started.....	3	2	6	7	4	4	6	5	5	6	11	7	6	11
Price per square foot of floor area of—														
All new houses sold ...	1	1	2	4	1	1	2	1	1	6	3	2	1	2
Contractor-built houses started.....	1	1	3	3	2	2	3	2	3	5	7	4	4	5

Table A-5. Average Relative Standard Errors for Characteristics of Multifamily Housing Completed

Characteristics	Buildings					Housing units				
	United States	Northeast	Midwest	South	West	United States	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Total.....	3	19	7	5	5	2	10	6	4	3
Number of floors:										
1 to 3 floors.....	4	19	7	5	5	3	11	6	4	3
4 floors or more	9	29	27	10	11	7	20	20	11	10
Number of units:										
2 to 4 units	7	31	12	10	10	7	26	12	10	10
5 to 9 units	5	24	10	8	8	5	16	9	9	8
10 to 19 units	7	26	21	9	8	6	24	21	8	8
20 to 29 units	7	28	29	7	11	7	26	30	7	11
30 to 49 units	12	36	25	17	16	12	31	27	17	17
50 or more units.....	11	16	36	12	13	9	14	31	14	12
Air-conditioning:										
With air-conditioning	4	24	8	6	8	3	11	6	4	6
Without air-conditioning	9	32	15	12	15	10	20	25	11	13
Type of heating fuel:										
Electricity.....	6	34	14	8	10	5	57	19	6	9
Gas.....	6	27	8	12	10	4	10	7	12	7
Oil.....	46	(A)	36	20	41	13	12	48	20	42
Other	47	47	20	15	67	23	10	10	8	28
Heat pump:										
With a heat pump	10	46	19	14	11	8	90	17	10	9
Without a heat pump.....	5	22	8	8	6	3	9	6	7	3
Number of bedrooms:										
Efficiencies	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	18	18	28	47	22
1 bedroom.....	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	4	16	13	6	7
2 bedrooms.....	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	3	10	7	6	4
3 bedrooms or more	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	5	35	10	6	11
Number of bathrooms:										
1 bathroom	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	4	12	9	7	6
1 1/2 bathrooms.....	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	14	19	21	30	14
2 bathrooms or more	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	4	20	8	7	5
Average square feet per unit/per building:										
Less than 600 square feet.....	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	15	65	24	21	21
600 to 799 square feet.....	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	8	13	20	14	13
800 to 999 square feet.....	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	5	12	16	9	6
1,000 to 1,199 square feet.....	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	5	20	15	7	7
1,200 square feet or more.....	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	5	22	13	9	8
Square feet of floor area:										
Average	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	1	9	2	1	2
Median	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	1	13	2	1	1

A Relative standard error is greater than 100 percent. X Not applicable.

Table A-6. Average Relative Standard Errors for Characteristics of New Mobile Home Placements

[Percent]

Characteristics	United States	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
ALL MOBILE HOMES¹					
Average sales price	1 (Z)	3 1	1 1	1 (Z)	2 1
Average square feet.....					
Location					
Inside mobile home communities	2	7	4	3	4
Outside mobile home communities	1	7	3	2	3
Number of Bedrooms					
Two or fewer	3	10	7	3	7
Three or more	1	5	2	1	3
Central Air-Conditioning					
Installed	1	10	3	1	5
Not installed.....	2	6	4	5	3
Foundation					
Concrete pads.....	4	10	7	7	8
Blocks	1	7	3	1	4
Masonry	3	12	5	5	5
Other ²	5	19	10	8	10
SINGLE-WIDE MOBILE HOMES					
Average sales price	1 (Z)	5 2	2 1	2 (Z)	5 2
Average square feet.....					
Location					
Inside mobile home communities	3	10	5	4	9
Outside mobile home communities	2	12	6	3	10
Number of Bedrooms					
Two or fewer	3	12	8	4	11
Three or more	2	9	5	2	8
Central Air-Conditioning					
Installed	2	18	5	2	14
Not installed.....	4	9	7	7	8
Foundation					
Concrete pads.....	7	19	10	12	28
Blocks	2	9	5	2	8
Masonry	16	75	32	23	43
Other ²	10	32	15	17	47
DOUBLE-WIDE MOBILE HOMES					
Average sales price	1 (Z)	4 2	2 1	1 (Z)	2 1
Average square feet.....					
Location					
Inside mobile home communities	2	9	5	4	5
Outside mobile home communities	1	7	3	2	4
Number of Bedrooms					
Two or fewer	5	18	16	9	8
Three or more	1	6	3	2	3
Central Air-Conditioning					
Installed	1	12	4	2	5
Not installed.....	2	7	5	6	4
Foundation					
Concrete pads.....	4	11	8	8	9
Blocks	1	9	4	2	4
Masonry	3	12	5	6	6
Other ²	6	22	12	9	10

Z Less than 0.5 percent.

¹Includes mobile homes with more than two sections.²Includes steel piers, no foundation, etc.

Appendix B. Definitions

Bathroom. For the purposes of this survey, a full bathroom is one that has a wash basin, a toilet, and either a bathtub or shower, or a combination of bathtub and shower. A half bathroom is one that has either a toilet, bathtub, or shower, but not all the facilities to be classified as a full bathroom. If the respondent reported a full bathroom and two half bathrooms, the house is classified as a two-bathroom house.

Bedroom. A bedroom is a finished room specifically designed to be used for sleeping. A den, a space in the attic, or a basement which could be converted to a bedroom are not counted as bedrooms.

Closing costs. The closing costs are the total estimated costs customarily chargeable to the buyer for items which are incidental to the transaction. These costs include the initial service charge of the mortgage, cost of title search, charges for the preparation of deed and mortgage documents, mortgage tax, recording fees, and similar items. For houses sold with FHA-insured mortgages, they include an examination or application fee. Items not included in closing costs are deposits for unaccrued taxes, insurance premiums, and similar items that are treated as prepayable expenses.

Construction Method

Modular. Finished 3-dimensional sections of the complete dwelling, built in a factory and transported to the site to be joined together on a permanent foundation.

Panalized. Shipped from the factory as a package of wall panels, roof trusses, and other components to be assembled on site. May include all materials required to finish the house as a complete package. For purposes of this report panalized houses are included in the "Other" category.

Precut. A package of lumber or timber (logs), precut to exact size, length, and quantity, to be assembled on site. Package may also include plumbing, wiring, and/or heating system elements. For purposes of this report precut houses are included in the "Other" category.

Stick-built. Built on site. Can include SOME factory components such as roof and floor trusses, wall panels, door frames, etc.

Contractor-built houses. This category includes all houses built for owner occupancy on owner's land with construction under the supervision of a single general contractor.

Contractor price. The contract price used in this survey for contractor-built houses is the price on the original contract awarded to the general contractor. The contract price does not reflect any subsequent changes in the price resulting from change orders or from any other factors affecting the price of the house. It does not include the cost of any contracts awarded to a different contractor for work on the grounds around the house, nor does it include any proposed expenditures on the house after construction is completed by the general contractor. Finally, because the house is being built for the owner's occupancy on the owner's own land, the contract price does not include the cost of the land.

The median contract price is equal to the middle point of all contract prices reported. The point is chosen so that half the contract prices of houses started are below the median and half are above the median. The average, or arithmetic mean, contract price is obtained by dividing the sum of all contract prices by the number of houses reporting contract prices.

Deck. A floored area without a roof, not sitting directly on the ground, typically made of wood.

Efficiencies. One room apartment units or studio apartment units which have no room designated specifically for sleeping.

Exterior wall material. The statistics on exterior wall material relate only to the principal type used; that is, the material covering more than half the exterior wall. While the definitions of most exterior wall materials are straightforward, two may not be. They are:

Stucco. A durable finish applied wet that usually consists of cement, sand, and lime.

Vinyl. Any of various tough, flexible, and shiny plastics used for covering walls.

Financing, type of. The type of financing tabulated in this survey is the type reported at the time the original sales agreement was signed or deposit accepted. However, changes in the type of financing do occur between the original contract signing and final settlement. These changes are not reflected in the tables.

The FHA and VA type-of-financing data presented in this report tend to differ from those published directly by those agencies. For the actual number of FHA-insured and

VA-guaranteed loans made for new houses at the time of final settlement, refer to the publications of the respective agencies. The data differ because of the difference in time periods between the signing of the original sales contract, the start of construction, and the insurance or guarantee of the mortgage, as well as the sampling variability in this survey.

Early in 1995, the Farmers Home Administration was reorganized. As part of this reorganization the Rural Housing Service now handles the mortgage functions formerly done by the Farmers Home Administration.

Fireplace (indoor). An indoor fireplace is defined as an open recess in a chimney in which a fire may be built. Included are those made of masonry, tile, metal, or other permanently installed materials that are a fixed and integral part of the building.

Floor area. For this survey, floor area is defined as all completely finished floor space, including space in basements and attics with finished walls, floors, and ceilings.

In concept, measurement is based on exterior dimensions. Measurements are taken to the outside of exterior walls for detached houses. Half stories are measured to the outside of enclosing partitions. Row houses are measured from the centerline of party walls to the outside surface of the exterior walls. For purposes of this survey, where the floor area for a new house was reported based on interior dimensions, the figure was converted to exterior dimensions by multiplying by a standard conversion factor of 1.08. A standard conversion factor of 1.04 was used to convert figures to exterior dimensions where it was not known whether the reported area was based on exterior or interior dimensions.

Heat pump. "Heat pump" refers to a heating/cooling system which utilizes indoor and outdoor coils, a compressor, and refrigerant to pump hot air in during the winter and out during the summer. Only heat pumps that are centrally installed with ducts to the rooms are included in this category.

Housing unit. A housing unit is defined as a single room or group of rooms intended as separate living quarters by a family, by a group of unrelated persons living together, or by a person living alone. Separate living quarters are those in which the occupants do not live and eat with any other persons in the structure and which have direct access from the outside of the building or through a common hall which is used or intended to be used by the occupants of another unit or the general public.

In addition to single-family detached houses, the definition of single-family houses also includes those town-houses attached together in groups of two or more which are partitioned from each other by a ground-to-roof wall. Also, these units must not share heating/air-conditioning systems or interstructural public utilities, such as water supply, power supply, or sewage disposal lines.

Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs). The general concept, as originally defined in June 1983, underlying the specific MSA or older SMSA definitions is a geographic area consisting of a large population nucleus together with adjacent communities having a high degree of economic and social integration with that nucleus. For the MSA definitions this meant an area qualified for MSA status by: (1) including a city of at least 50,000 population; or (2) including an urbanized land area of at least 50,000 population with a total metropolitan population of at least 100,000 (75,000 in New England).

Besides the county containing the main city or urbanized area, an MSA may include additional counties having strong economic and social ties to the central county. These ties are determined chiefly by the extent of the urbanized area and by census data on commuting to work. Thus, an MSA can contain more than one city of 50,000 population and may cross state lines.

Mobile home. A movable dwelling, 8 feet or more wide and 40 feet or more long, designed to be towed on its own chassis. The transportation gear is integral to the dwelling when it leaves the factory. There is no need for a permanent foundation. There are two general types of units.

Single-wide. Is any unit so designated by a dealer. There is only one section and only one HUD label number.

Double-wide. Is any unit so designated by a dealer consisting of more than one section and more than one HUD label number.

New houses (built for sale) completed. This category includes new houses occupied, or available for occupancy, by the end of the year, which have been sold or are still for sale.

New houses sold. The category, "houses sold," includes all houses for which a sales contract has been signed or a deposit accepted. This includes houses for which a sales contract is signed or deposit accepted before construction is actually started; for instance, houses sold from a model or from plans before any work is started on the footings or foundations. It also includes houses sold while under construction or after completion; that is, houses built on speculation.

Owner-built houses. This category includes houses built for owner occupancy, on owner's land, under the supervision of the owner acting as the general contractor: (1) In most cases built partly by the owner and partly with paid help; (2) sometimes built entirely with the employment of subcontractors; and (3) in a smaller number of cases, on a "do-it-yourself" basis.

Patio. A floored area, with or without a roof, sitting directly on the ground. This does not include small concrete pads at entryways.

Porch. Floored area with a roof, enclosed or open, not sitting directly on the ground. This does not include small covered entryways.

Regions. The standard census geographic regions are used in the tables of this report. States included in each region are:

Northeast. Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania

Midwest. (formerly North Central)—Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, and Kansas

South. Delaware, Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas

West. Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, Nevada, Washington, Oregon, California, Alaska, and Hawaii

Rental houses. A house or housing unit used by a person or persons who do not own the property.

Response rate. The percentage of respondents answering a survey question. The overall response rate for all new houses covered by this survey is very high. However, response to individual items varied. For the physical characteristics, such as number of bedrooms or bathrooms, the response rate is within the range of 90 to 99 percent. Items with response rates somewhat lower are those related to the sales price of new houses sold or the contract price of contractor-built houses started.

Sale. The sale of the new house occurs with the signing of a sales contract or the acceptance of a deposit. This survey does not follow through to the final stage of the sales transaction.

Sales price. The sales price used in the survey for new houses sold is the price agreed upon between purchaser and seller (and reported by the latter) at the time the first sales contract is signed or deposit is made for the house. The sales price does not reflect any subsequent price changes resulting from change orders or from any other factors affecting the price of the house. Furthermore, the sales price does not include the cost of any extras or options paid for in cash by the purchaser or otherwise not included in the original sales price reported by the seller.

The sales price of a new manufactured (mobile) home is the price reported by the dealer. The dealer is asked to include the costs of options and dealer setup, but exclude

all taxes and land costs. There may be additional costs to prepare a manufactured (mobile) home for occupancy which may not be included in the sales price reported.

The median sales price is the middle point of all sales prices reported; the point is chosen so that half the houses or manufactured (mobile) homes were sold with a sales price below the median and half with a sales price above the median. The average, or arithmetic mean, sales price is obtained by dividing the sum of all the sales prices reported by the number of houses or manufactured (mobile) homes reporting a sales price.

Stages of construction. The stages of construction are defined as follows:

Start. A house is defined as started at the time of excavation for the footings or foundation. For a house or building being totally rebuilt on an existing foundation, a start occurs when work on the superstructure of the new building begins.

Completion. A house is defined as completed when all finished flooring has been installed (or carpeting if used in place of finished flooring). If the building is occupied before all construction is finished, it is classified as completed at the time of occupancy. In privately owned buildings with two or more housing units, all the units in the buildings are counted as completed when 50 percent or more of the units are occupied or available for occupancy. In most of these buildings all units within the building actually become available for occupancy at the same time. In some larger apartment buildings, some floors or some units are completed and occupied before other parts of the building are completed. In these cases, housing units counted as completed prior to completion of the entire building tend to be offset by those housing units in other buildings actually completed during that month but which had been counted as completed previously.

Story. That portion of a building between the floor and the ceiling or roof, or the next floor above in the case of a multistory house. A basement is not counted as a story even if it is finished as a den or recreation room. Houses referred to as "bi-levels" or "split foyers" are classified as two-story houses.

Half story. A story finished as living accommodations located wholly or partly within the roof frame is considered a half story; it is tabulated in this survey as a whole story; for example, one and one-half stories is counted as two.

Split level. Identifies a structure having floors on more than one level when the difference in some floor levels is less than one story. This definition is interpreted on the basis of local custom and may vary from area to area.

Supplement.

Survey of Market Absorption

Selected Characteristics of Apartment Units

This supplement presents preliminary statistics on selected characteristics of apartment units in the Survey of Market Absorption (SOMA). This survey provides data on the rate at which newly completed, privately financed, nonsubsidized, unfurnished apartment units in buildings containing five or more units are rented or sold (absorbed).

The buildings selected for SOMA are those included in the Survey of Construction (SOC), which is described in Appendix A. Description of Surveys of this report. Each quarter a sample of buildings with five or more housing units reported as completed during that quarter in the SOC sample come into sample for SOMA. Buildings completed in locations not requiring building permits are excluded.

Table S-1 provides preliminary data on the types of apartment units completed during the year 1997. Table S-2 provides preliminary data about unfurnished units for rent. Table S-3 provides preliminary data for unfurnished units being sold under a condominium arrangement. This table excludes units sold under a cooperative ownership arrangement.

These data are preliminary and are subject to revision when published in future issues of Current Housing Reports, series H130, *Market Absorption of Apartments*.

ESTIMATION PROCEDURE

Annual estimates are obtained within each region by summing the four quarterly estimates. Unbiased quarterly estimates are formed by multiplying the counts for each building by its base weight (the inverse of its probability of selection) and then summing over all buildings. The final estimate is then obtained by multiplying the unbiased estimate by the following regional ratio estimate factor:

$$\frac{\text{SOC}}{\text{SOMA}}$$

where SOC is the total estimated units in 5+ unit buildings completed in permit-issuing areas for that quarter and where SOMA is the estimated total number of units in 5+ buildings for that quarter. The U.S. total is the sum of the regions.

This procedure produces estimates of the units completed in a given quarter which are consistent with the published figures from the Current Construction Reports, Series C22, *Housing Completions*, and also reduces, to some extent, the sampling variability of the estimates totals.

Therefore, the estimates shown in this supplement are not the same as those shown in the other tables of this report because they do not include:

- a. Units in buildings containing two to four units.
- b. Units completed in areas not requiring the issuance of building permits.

RELIABILITY OF ESTIMATES

The SOMA statistics are subject to the same sampling errors and nonsampling errors as described in Reliability of Data in Appendix A because SOMA uses subsamples of the SOC samples. Additional errors are also introduced because of subsampling of buildings with five units or more.

It is assumed that the characteristics of units not included in the interviewed group or not accounted for are identical to ones for units where data were obtained. The noninterviewed and not accounted for cases constitute less than 2 percent of the sample housing units in the SOMA survey.

ILLUSTRATED USES OF STANDARD ERRORS TABLES

Table S-2 shows that the estimate of the number of unfurnished apartments completed in the Midwest region with an asking rent between \$550 and \$649 was 9,000. Using the generalized standard errors from table S-4, one can calculate the standard error for the estimate of this size to be approximately 1,518. One can also construct a 90-percent confidence interval by multiplying 1,518 by 1.6 to obtain limits of 6,571 and 11,429.

Table S-2 also shows that of the estimated 22,000 unfurnished apartments completed with an asking rent between \$450 and \$549, 33 percent were in the Midwest region. Using table S-5 one can compute a standard error for 33 percent with a base of 22,000 units to be about 5.1 percentage points. Multiplying 5.1 x 1.6 yields 8.1. Adding or subtracting 8.1 from 33 percent produces a 90-percent confidence interval of between 24.9 and 41.1 percent.

Similarly, using tables S-4 and S-6 one can compute the standard errors and 90-percent confidence intervals for the characteristics of condominiums shown in Table S-3.

DEFINITIONS

Condominium. A building in which each unit is owned individually, although not necessarily by the person(s) occupying the unit. The owner of each unit also holds a common or joint ownership in all common areas and facilities that serve the building: land, roofs, hallways, entrances, elevators, lobbies, etc.

Cooperative. A building that is owned by its shareholders and is organized as a corporation. Ownership of shares in the corporation entitles each shareholder to perpetual use of one or more units in the building until the owners sell their shares.

Federally subsidized. Units in buildings built under programs of HUD such as the Low Income Housing Assistance (Section 8), Senior Citizens Housing Direct Loans (Section 202), and all units in buildings in the FHA rent supplement program.

Rental apartments. Units in buildings built for rent wherein the building is owned by an individual, partnership, private corporation, or organization other than a public agency.

Unfurnished. Management provides only such items as a range, refrigerator, carpeting, and drapes.

Furnished. Management provides all the major articles of furniture such as bed, chest of drawers, sofa, chairs, and tables.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See current Housing Reports, series H130, *Market Absorption of Apartments*, for further information about SOMA and its estimation procedure. Otherwise, call 301-457-3199 regarding questions about the data found in this supplement.

Table S-1. Type of Apartment Units Completed in Buildings With Five Units or More by Location: 1997

[Preliminary data. Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Percents computed from unrounded figures]

Type of apartment unit	United States	Inside MSAs	Outside MSAs	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Number of apartment units (thousands)							
Total	247	221	26	14	47	118	68
Rental apartments:							
Unfurnished	190	176	13	8	35	96	51
Furnished	3	2	1	(Z)	1	2	(Z)
Condominiums ¹	36	27	9	4	5	16	11
Federally subsidized ²	14	11	2	2	6	2	3
Other ³	5	4	1	(Z)	1	2	2
Percent distribution							
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Rental apartments:							
Unfurnished	77	80	51	53	74	81	76
Furnished	1	1	3	(S)	2	1	(S)
Condominiums ¹	15	12	33	30	10	14	16
Federally subsidized ²	6	5	9	14	13	2	5
Other ³	2	2	5	(S)	1	2	4

S Withheld because estimate did not meet publication standards on the basis of response rate, associated standard error, or a consistency review. Z Fewer than 500 units or less than 0.5 percent.

¹Includes cooperatively owned apartments.

²Federally subsidized apartments are built under programs of the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Low Income Housing Assistance (Section 8), Senior Citizens Direct Loans (Section 202), and all units in buildings containing apartments in the FHA rent supplement program.

³Other includes units such as time-sharing units and continuing care retirement units.

S-4 SUPPLEMENT—SURVEY OF MARKET ABSORPTION

CHARACTERISTICS OF NEW HOUSING

Table S-2. Selected Characteristics of New Rental Apartments Completed by Asking Rent: 1997

[Preliminary data. Newly-constructed, privately financed, nonsubsidized, unfurnished apartments in buildings with 5 units or more. Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Medians computed from unrounded figures]

Characteristic	Total	Asking rent						Median asking rent (dollars)
		Less than \$450	\$450 to \$549	\$550 to \$649	\$650 to \$749	\$750 to \$849	\$850 or more	
New rental apartments completed (in thousands) ...	190	14	22	30	38	26	59	724
LOCATION								
Number of Apartments (in thousands)								
Inside MSAs	176	10	20	27	36	25	58	734
Outside MSAs	13	4	3	2	2	2	1	558
Northeast	8	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	2	(Z)	5	850+
Midwest	35	3	7	9	6	3	7	624
South	96	9	11	14	18	14	30	728
West	51	2	4	7	12	9	17	760
Percent Distribution								
Inside MSAs	93	73	88	92	96	94	98	(X)
Outside MSAs	7	27	12	8	4	6	2	(X)
Northeast	4	(S)	(S)	(S)	5	(S)	8	(X)
Midwest	18	22	33	30	15	10	11	(X)
South	51	61	50	46	48	53	51	(X)
West	27	16	16	23	32	35	29	(X)
BEDROOMS PER UNIT								
Number of Apartments (in thousands)								
Efficiencies	7	2	1	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	4	850+
1 bedroom	56	6	8	11	12	8	11	682
2 bedrooms	99	6	12	14	21	13	31	726
3 bedrooms or more	28	1	1	4	4	4	13	825
Percent Distribution								
Efficiencies	4	12	4	(S)	(S)	(S)	7	(X)
1 bedroom	29	39	35	36	32	32	19	(X)
2 bedrooms	52	43	55	48	57	50	52	(X)
3 bedrooms or more	15	6	6	15	10	17	22	(X)
FEATURES INCLUDED IN ASKING RENT								
Number of Apartments (in thousands)								
Swimming pool:								
Included in rent	130	5	10	17	29	23	46	768
Not included in rent	1	(Z)	1	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)
Not available	58	9	12	13	8	3	12	610
Off-street parking:								
Included in rent	183	14	22	29	37	25	56	722
Not included in rent	6	(Z)	1	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	816
Not available	2	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)
Air-conditioning:								
Included in rent	54	5	7	11	10	6	15	687
Not included in rent	121	8	13	15	23	19	42	754
Not available	15	1	2	4	5	1	2	667
Dishwasher:								
Included in rent	178	11	20	29	36	26	55	728
Not included in rent	2	(Z)	1	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)
Not available	10	3	1	1	1	(Z)	4	659
Percent Distribution								
Swimming pool:								
Included in rent	69	35	44	57	77	88	78	(X)
Not included in rent	1	(S)	2	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(X)
Not available	31	65	54	42	22	12	21	(X)
Off-street parking:								
Included in rent	96	98	96	98	98	95	95	(X)
Not included in rent	3	(S)	4	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(X)
Not available	1	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(X)
Air-conditioning:								
Included in rent	28	37	32	36	26	23	25	(X)
Not included in rent	64	58	57	52	61	72	71	(X)
Not available	8	6	10	12	13	5	4	(X)
Dishwasher:								
Included in rent	94	79	91	96	97	99	93	(X)
Not included in rent	1	(S)	3	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(X)
Not available	5	19	6	3	3	(S)	7	(X)

See footnotes at end of table.

Table S-2. Selected Characteristics of New Rental Apartments Completed by Asking Rent: 1997—Con.

[Preliminary data. Newly-constructed, privately financed, nonsubsidized, unfurnished apartments in buildings with 5 units or more. Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Medians computed from unrounded figures]

Characteristic	Total	Asking rent						Median asking rent (dollars)		
		Less than \$450	\$450 to \$549	\$550 to \$649	\$650 to \$749	\$750 to \$849	\$850 or more			
UTILITIES INCLUDED IN ASKING RENT										
Number of Apartments (in thousands)										
Electricity:										
Included in rent	10	1	1	1	1	(Z)	6	850+		
Not included in rent	180	13	22	29	37	26	53	722		
Gas:										
Included in rent	17	1	2	4	2	(Z)	7	713		
Not included in rent	77	3	8	10	14	13	30	776		
Not available.....	95	10	13	16	21	13	22	692		
Percent Distribution										
Electricity:										
Included in rent	5	7	3	3	2	(S)	11	(X)		
Not included in rent	95	93	97	97	98	100	89	(X)		
Gas:										
Included in rent	9	9	10	13	6	(S)	13	(X)		
Not included in rent	41	23	34	33	38	48	50	(X)		
Not available.....	50	68	56	54	56	50	37	(X)		

S Withheld because estimate did not meet publication standards on the basis of response rate, associated standard error, or a consistency review. X Not applicable. Z Fewer than 500 units or less than 0.5 percent.

S-6 SUPPLEMENT—SURVEY OF MARKET ABSORPTION
CHARACTERISTICS OF NEW HOUSING
Table S-3. New Condominiums Completed by Location and Number of Bedrooms by Asking Price: 1997

[Preliminary data. Newly-constructed, privately financed, nonsubsidized, unfurnished condominiums in buildings with 5 units or more. Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Medians computed from unrounded figures]

Characteristic	Total	Asking price						Median asking price (dollars)
		Less than \$75,000	\$75,000 to \$99,999	\$100,000 to \$124,999	\$125,000 to \$149,999	\$150,000 to \$199,999	\$200,000 or more	
New condominiums completed (in thousands)¹	34	2	10	6	6	5	5	119 700
LOCATION								
Number of Condominiums (in thousands)								
Inside MSAs	26	1	6	5	5	5	4	129 300
Outside MSAs	7	1	4	1	1	(Z)	(Z)	91 400
Northeast	4	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	1	2	(Z)	158 000
Midwest	4	1	1	1	1	1	(Z)	119 800
South	15	1	5	2	2	1	3	109 000
West	11	(Z)	4	3	1	1	1	112 900
Percent Distribution								
Inside MSAs	78	54	59	88	83	94	93	(X)
Outside MSAs	22	46	41	12	17	(S)	(S)	(X)
Northeast	12	(S)	(S)	(S)	23	45	(S)	(X)
Midwest	12	31	6	15	14	13	(S)	(X)
South	44	64	54	36	40	19	61	(X)
West	32	(S)	39	46	23	24	31	(X)
BEDROOMS PER UNIT								
Number of Condominiums (in thousands)								
Efficiencies	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)
1 bedroom	3	1	1	4	1	4	2	102 800
2 bedrooms	24	1	8	4	4	4	3	113 600
3 bedrooms or more	7	(Z)	1	2	1	1	3	155 500
Percent Distribution								
Efficiencies	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(X)
1 bedroom	8	28	8	(S)	11	(S)	(S)	(X)
2 bedrooms	71	62	84	69	73	77	39	(X)
3 bedrooms or more	20	(S)	8	26	15	17	54	(X)

S Withheld because estimate did not meet publication standards on the basis of response rate, associated standard error, or a consistency review. X Not applicable. Z Fewer than 500 units or less than 0.5 percent.

¹Does not include cooperatively owned apartment units.

Table S-4 . Standard Errors for Estimates of Apartments in Buildings With Five Units or More

Estimated number	Standard error		Estimated number	Standard error	
	All types except for condominium apartments SE=16 $\sqrt{\text{est.M}}$	Condominium apartments SE=20 $\sqrt{(\text{est.M}-250)}$		All types except for condominium apartments SE=16 $\sqrt{\text{est.M}}$	Condominium apartments SE=20 $\sqrt{(\text{est.M}-250)}$
1,000	1,060	1,270	35,000.....	2,900	35,000
2,000	700	600	50,000.....	3,500	4,200
3,000	900	800	75,000.....	4,300	5,200
4,000	1,000	1,000	100,000.....	5,000	6,100
5,000	1,100	1,200	150,000.....	6,100	7,500
10,000	1,600	1,800	250,000.....	7,900	(X)
15,000	1,900	2,200	350,000.....	9,300	(X)
20,000	2,200	2,600	450,000.....	10,600	(X)
25,000	2,500	2,900	600,000	12,200	(X)

est.=Estimate for a given characteristic. SE=Standard error. X Not applicable.

Table S-5. Standard Errors of Estimated Percentages for All Types of Apartments, Except for Condominiums

$$\left(\text{SE} = 16 \sqrt{\frac{p \times q}{y}} \right)$$

Estimated percentages (p or q)	Number of houses in base of percentage ^(y)									
	1,000	5,000	10,000	20,000	50,000	75,000	100,000	150,000	350,000	600,000
2 or 98.....	7.0	3.1	2.2	1.6	1.0	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.3
5 or 95.....	10.9	4.9	3.4	2.4	1.5	1.3	1.1	0.9	0.6	0.4
10 or 90.....	14.9	6.7	4.7	3.3	2.1	1.7	1.5	1.2	0.8	0.6
20 or 80.....	19.9	8.9	6.3	4.5	2.8	2.3	2.0	1.6	1.1	0.8
25 or 75.....	21.6	9.0	6.8	1.8	3.0	2.5	2.2	1.8	1.2	0.9
40 or 60.....	24.4	10.9	7.7	5.5	3.5	2.8	2.4	2.0	1.3	1.0
50 or 50.....	24.9	11.1	7.9	5.6	3.5	2.9	2.5	2.0	1.3	1.0

p=Percent distribution. q=100-p. SE=Standard error. y=Base for a given characteristic.

Table S-6. Standard Errors of Estimated Percentages for Condominium Apartments

$$\left(\text{SE} = 20 \sqrt{\frac{p \times q}{y}} \right)$$

Estimated percentages (p or q)	Number of houses in base of percentage ^(y)									
	1,000	3,000	5,000	10,000	15,000	25,000	50,000	75,000	100,000	150,000
2 or 98.....	8.9	5.1	4.0	2.8	2.3	1.8	1.3	1.0	0.9	0.7
5 or 95.....	13.8	8.0	6.2	4.4	3.6	2.8	1.9	1.6	1.4	1.1
10 or 90.....	19.0	11.0	8.5	6.0	4.9	3.8	2.7	2.2	1.9	1.5
20 or 80.....	25.3	14.6	11.3	8.0	6.5	5.1	3.6	2.9	2.5	2.1
25 or 75.....	27.4	15.8	12.2	8.7	7.1	5.5	3.9	3.2	2.7	2.2
40 or 60.....	31.0	17.9	13.9	9.8	8.0	6.2	4.4	3.6	3.1	2.5
50 or 50.....	31.6	18.3	14.1	10.0	8.2	6.3	4.5	3.7	3.2	2.6

p=Percent distribution. q=100-p. SE=Standard error. y=Base for a given characteristic.

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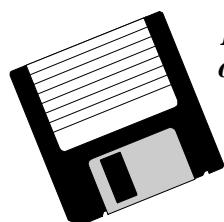
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